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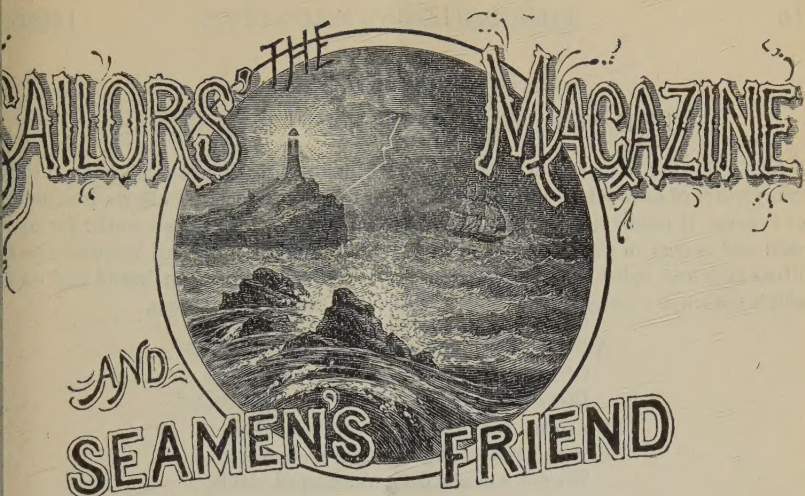
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SEA.

What is the theme entrancing and eternal

The wild waves sing,—

What is the message fraught with life supernal

Their voices bring?

From what far shore of more than earthly beauty

Are dreams set free,

To waken thoughts of hope, and love, and duty,

Beside the sea?

What mighty One, in this sweet solemn fashion,

Has wrought His will,—

Bidding the angry pulse of human passion

Grow calm and still?

And what the message, wonderful yet tender,

His lips have given,

Thus to be hurled in wild barbaric splendor

To earth from heaven?

Be still, my soul, nor question thus so blindly

The hidden word,

Till by the love that speaks in silence, kindly

Thy depths are stirred.

And know, that for himself must each dis sever

The thoughts that start,

Beating through this grand monotone forever,

From God's great heart!

—*Transcript.*

For The Sailors' Magazine.

THE SHELTER SIGNAL OF THE CROSS.

The following sonnet is from the pen of Mr. JOHN S. PIERSON, who has through many years of devoted service done so much to aid the Society's efforts for the welfare of the sea. It might stand as, in some sense, a description of his own work; for by his skill and energy in the distribution of the Bible and of Christian literature he has been lifted high and upheld on many a wild shore and far-withdrawn island and on the ship's deck upon many a heaving sea, the shelter signal of the cross.

A little chapel on that rocky shore
 Of six huge stones was rudely edified,
 Just out of reach of the advancing tide,
 Up to the very threshold of whose door
 Ravened the toiling breakers evermore;
 Yet not a single drop e'er dashed inside,
 To wet the conch upon the rocky floor,
 Or the wine-cruze with bread-loaf by its side,
 Placed by the good lord of that stormy coast
 For shipwrecked mariners struggling from the brine,
 All bruised and battered, ship and comrades lost,
 Up to the steadfast radiance of that sign
 That, o'er a world of waters tempest-tost,
 Signalled that shelter far—the Cross Divine.

JOHN S. PIERSON.

A SONG OF THE NAVY.

We steamed out of dock in the *Nancy*—
 Revolutions one hundred and three;
 She's the best subdivided, I fancy,
 Of any flat iron at sea.
 So farewell to the wharf that we coaled at,
 To sweethearts and wives, for, indeed,
 We've coal for ten days in our bunkers,
 At our most economical speed.
 For sailors were born to be stokers,
 And handle a shovel below,
 With an inch and a-half on the gauges,
 In the dark, where the furnaces glow.

When we near went ashore in the Narrows,
 We thought it was up with us all;
 For the sea it was running in mountains,
 And the night lay as black as a pall;
 But we switched on the dynamo circuit,
 And a six-thousand-candle-power ray
 Showed the sea and the shore and the breakers
 As bright as if it were day.

For sailors were born electricians,
 To live at the end of a wire—
 “Are you there—in the turret?”
 “Aye, aye, sir”;
 “Are you there?—Starboard Battery, fire!”

And though it's “Old Navy” no longer,
 But boilers, and stokers, and steel,
 And the ship is a box of contraptions
 From her fighting-top down to her keel;
 And though the plain sailor-man's done for,
 And Jack, when his officers call,
 Must serve in a score of odd trades—why
 He just will be Jack of them all.
 For sailors were born to be handy
 At any job under the sun;
 And they say what a bluejacket can't do
 Ain't very much worth doing at all.

—*Scarlet and Blue.*

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

DR. GILLESPIE, one of the secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, recently in an address complained that pastors were perhaps the chief obstacle to the success of foreign missions by reason of their indifference, and named as the cause of indifference their failure to grasp the missionary teaching and to imbibe the missionary spirit of the word of God, and at the same time a failure to catch the significance of the providential movements of this missionary century.” Many pastors have weak churches, barely able to keep the wolf from the door, and many unable to do that. Many are unable to respond to the claims of the denomination, which are put first, and many are just able to do that and nothing more. With all the exceptions that are named or imagined, however, there is a measure of truth in Dr. GILLESPIE'S charge. As preachers are under divine orders to reach the gospel, whether men will hear or forbear, they are also obliged by their commission to teach the duty and privilege of furnishing the sinews of war to the sacramental host. If they were more obedient to the spirit of their commission, by degrees indifference would give place to interest, and the streams of benevolence would flow in fuller measure.

Given a pastor, for example, who never mentions sailors in his public prayers and addresses, it would be strange if his people did not forget their existence. Given a pastor who does not see the sailor in the word of God, and does not realize his providential agency in advanc-

ing the kingdom of Christ, it would be natural for his people even to lag behind him in stupid disregard of the light that is flashing into eyes open to receive it. Commerce is a complex thing and enfolds a world of meaning to the student of providential movements. Pastors are the very men to get at that meaning, to become inspired by it, to grow eloquent in the utterance of it, and to beget their own knowledge and feeling in the minds and hearts of their hearers. To preach the gospel let them add the description of the world's need of it and the efforts made to meet it; taking up the subject in sections, let them not forget that vast fragment, the men of the sea, and feel through and through and make others feel what it means to Christ and His cause to have millions of men travelling agents of His Church. If pastors get that thought into the heads and hearts of their people the response will surprise them. But if the pastor cares little, the people will care less.

IN the LIFE BOAT for February correspondence was printed showing the interest of Southern children in making comfort bags for seamen. Chaplain JOHN M. WOOD, of the Navy Yard, New York, has sent out large numbers of bags and has stimulated the Chicago Christian Endeavor Union to do the same on the lakes. The following extracts from the letters of lake sailors show their appreciation of them :

May God bless you for your kind remembrance of an old sailor. Your selection of the articles in this little bag is truly wonderful; they will be very useful to me for I am a great hand for repairing my clothes. You and all those dear young people engaged in this Christian work will be remembered in my prayers.

Another: I am extremely thankful for the present you have sent me and I shall use the little Testament as you wished, and shall always think there is some one who thinks of the old sailors and their little needs.

Another: I thank you for the courtesy you have shown me while a stranger in your city. A part of its contents have been used to relieve the suffering of others and at the very moment when most needed. Often perused are the contents of the beautiful word of God.

Another: Let me say right here I have seen a good many comfort bags that have been given out among sailors in different parts of the world by good Christian people but I never saw any to compare with this one. It will be one year the 25th of August since God saved me. I ask an interest in your prayers that I may be kept steadfast in the way, for I am very weak.

Another: Sailors I know are looked upon by many as a rough and vulgar class but there are many that are good and true men and were brought up in Christian families. There is a right and wrong way to touch the hearts of sailors, and such acts as you and the society are doing will do more good than anything else toward redeeming them. Your letter is a beautiful one and I have read it a dozen times over.

Another testified that four years ago he was given a comfort bag at Cob Dock in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, made by a little girl fourteen years old, of Providence, I. He replied to her kind letter and read the Testament through and resolved to lead a Christian life. Thus this sailor was saved through the agency of the Silent Missionary."

The following was written to Mrs. E. O. MOFFETT, of Ulsterville, in acknowledgment of a comfort bag :

We all have good reason to thank God for His mercies unto us in delivering us from a watery grave and giving us another chance to walk in His ways. I quite agree with you as to the value of that precious book, the New Testament, or I should say the whole Bible. My friend can rest assured that I will peruse it diligently, and trust that I shall find comfort in it, although I am sorry to say that I have been a backslider; still the services and prayer meetings conducted here by Capt. DOLLAR have comforted me, and I am sure that I feel happier in myself every day, when I do that which I know to be right and godly. I must close this letter with best wishes for success to my kind friends in their missions among those that plough the sea, and may they be the means of bringing many to God and helping many a sailor to walk in the narrow path. Again thanking you for your kindness. May God bless the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY and all who labor for the sailors' welfare.

The following was received by Mrs. A. E. BACKUS, of Schenectady:

I am very thankful to see that we have some dear friends trying to do us good. As a rule sailors have got a great many enemies. I thank you very much for the bag. I shall put your letter in my berth, where I can put my hand on it.

But the SAILORS' MAGAZINE cannot print a tithe of the letters sailors write in grateful appreciation of comfort bags.

LOAN LIBRARIES. The master of the schooner *Walter M. Young* writes of No. 7,675 :

I take much pleasure in thanking you for use of the present library and wish to say that we take much pleasure in reading the books so kindly furnished. They can only be appreciated by those who know what lonesome and idle hours are passed without reading of any kind on board.

The master of the brigantine *Edward E. Hutchings* writes of No. 196 :

I feel it my duty to write a few lines to thank your Society for the library which has been taken out of my vessel a few days ago and replaced by No. 9,375. The last library was on board over one year and read with pleasure by myself and crew. Your Society has taken a great interest in the seafaring life and done great good. I hope the givers will feel that they have spent their money in a good cause. May God bless the donors and may they receive their reward when He numbers His servants.

The master of the schooner *Hattie H. Barbour* writes of No. 9,681 :

I found it when I took charge, and have read the books with great pleasure and so the officers and crews that I have had. I am much pleased to get a chance to

exchange for another library and get so much valuable reading, and the next one will be duly appreciated.

The wife of the captain of the schooner *Carrie A. Bucknam* writes of No. 9,825 :

One of your libraries has been on board for the past year. It was thoroughly read by myself and many of the men from different crews. The books were appreciated by us all, and in many cases do much good. Accept my thanks both for the old library and the new one, and God bless the donors.

The master of the schooner *Wentworth* writes of No. 9,868 :

The library was on board when I joined her in May, 1897. I have read the majority of the books myself, and on Sabbath mornings gave them out to the crew. I can say that myself and officers have enjoyed them, and also the crew. I know these libraries are a means of good to seamen, in fact I would not care to go a voyage without one.

The master of the schooner *Eagle Wing* writes of No. 9,916 :

I think the men have enjoyed the books, as they have read a great many of them during the voyage, the crew being a very good, sober set of men.

The master of the bark *Eudora* writes of No. 10,227 :

Will you kindly thank the donors, and inform them that the books were read and highly appreciated by both officers and crew. I shall be greatly obliged if you would exchange them for a different library, as I am about entering on another voyage to Australia. Thanking you for past favors.

For The Sailors' Magazine.

REMINISCENCES OF A SAILOR.

BY ALBERT REMICK.

Early in July, 1854, I joined the new ship *Sierra Nevada*, Captain Penhallow, for a voyage around Cape Horn to Callao, Peru, thence to the Chincha Islands and to Hampton Roads for orders. From my earliest recollection I had a strong desire to go to sea, till finally ill health decided me to try the effect of it. The captain advised me to ship regularly as a boy before the mast and not as a passenger, and if I was sick he would take me into the cabin and care for me.

When we got on deck of the ship from the small row boat I

told the first mate my object in going to sea, and that I wanted to learn all I could so that if I continued the sea life I might become an officer. The mate told me he would do his best to teach me navigation. Our future bedrooms consisted of rough board bunks put up between decks, as we had no cargo; and the boys (ten of us) being by ourselves were kept away from the forecastle. This was certainly not very inviting, but we were so full of the enthusiasm of going to sea we were willing to take everything as we found it. Our table was the ship's deck, and

air chairs were our chests, and after supper we turned in for the night.

Next morning early we were set to work slushing and tarring the rigging; nice work for hands that had been accustomed to handle the wares of a jewelry store! On Sunday morning we were called on deck at an early hour to wash decks. Some used large holy stones and others small stones which the sailors called prayer-books. This exercise took until seven o'clock, when we were allowed to go to breakfast. About 7.30 we turned to again in loosing the topgallant topsails, fore and mainsails, laid out the halyards ready for hoisting, got the cluelines and buntlines ready to let go, then the sheets and down-hauls overhauled and ready to be manned, and rigged the windlass ready to man. We had only half our crew of able seamen and the boys were as much in the way as useful, but finally everything was ready.

As soon as the men were gotten on board from the steam-tug with their chests and bags, and the owners had made their last farewells to the captain and officers, the order was given to weigh anchor and we commenced to heave at the windlass with a shanty song. As soon as the anchor was started we hauled up the jib, then the foresail and foretopsail were hauled up and sheeted home; then the maintopsail, then the mizzen-top-sail and spanker, then the foretop-gallantsail, main and mizzen; then the anchor was up and made fast in position to remain for a long time, and we were fairly under way.

During all this time we had little opportunity to look back to take a farewell glimpse of familiar objects as one by one they faded

away in the distance, till at last the land itself was lost to view and we were away on the ocean sailing. Everything was so new, exciting and interesting in obeying orders as they were given, that we hardly took account of the fine speed we were making. I had been at work in the after part of the ship during the afternoon and had not noticed the motion and did not realize that we were way out on the ocean till four bells struck, which was the signal for quitting work. Then I went forward and to my surprise the nine boys were around the fore-castle deck all sick, and the sight of them made me join their ranks, and for three days I was very seasick.

As is the custom on ships going to sea, at six o'clock all hands were called aft to the quarter deck to be called off into two watches; the first mate choosing, then the second mate, through the able seamen, then the ordinary seamen, then the boys. I was the first boy chosen by the first mate and therefore was in the first mate's watch, and my chum was in the same watch. After the watches were chosen I found we had a crew of thirty able seamen, six ordinary seamen, ten boys, four mates, one boatswain, one cook, one carpenter, one steward, one stewardess, and one captain.

While we boys were all more or less seasick, it seemed the boatswain's principal duty to keep us moving, coming for us when watch was called and making us get out sick or not. I thought to myself "Old fellow, it is your turn now, but if I ever catch you on shore I will pay you for all the trouble and annoyance you have caused me." But of course that was his duty, and we were all the better for his continual prodding. After the

third day all feeling of seasickness left me and I had difficulty to get enough to eat. It was a novel feeling to find myself out on the ocean, a regular sailor boy, eating ship's food, of which we had plenty, and feeling perfectly well. I gained strength rapidly.

Among the able-bodied seamen was a Frenchman, who had been stolen from a Russian brig in Boston harbor by those amiable gentry called boarding house runners. They induced this man to desert his vessel with promise of rum, made him drunk, shipped him on our ship, drew his two months' advance pay, as was the custom then for long voyages, and brought him off to our ship beastly drunk. He had only a sailor's large bag, with one pound of tobacco, not a stitch of clothing except what he stood in, and without a cent of money. This illustrates the custom of shipping agents and masters of ships. The master has no authority to refuse the men that are shipped, but must take them without regard to their qualifications. Of the crew brought from New York one man was seventy-five years old, with eyesight so bad he could not read the compass and could not take his trick at the wheel, and could not go off the deck. Three others of the New York crew, who were shipped as able seamen, had never been to sea, except to cross the ocean as steerage passengers. These men had been told in New York that they were going to Baltimore and could work their way, helping to cook and do general work, but when they came on board the ship and found they were bound on a long voyage, they went aft to the captain and with tears in their eyes begged to be put ashore; but the captain told them they must

make the best of it. As these men could not speak English they had a sorry prospect before them. The Frenchman chirped up, took hold of a rope to pull when others mentioned him to do so, and was cheerful; by mending shoes for the sailors he also gained their favor. The two Germans were downhearted and surly. One, a very tall man, would occasionally sleep over his watch until aroused by some of the men, and that would occasion a fight, as he did not know it was his duty to get up when the watch was called; also he would hide away to shirk duty; all which caused him more trouble and bad treatment, until finally on the twelfth day out he was not to be found. The ship was searched thoroughly but no trace of him was ever found. It is supposed he jumped overboard, as we never saw him again. The other German tried to do all he could, but on the voyage home he fell down the fore-castle deck stairs, and was unable to do a stroke of work the balance of the voyage.

To illustrate the working of the evil practice of shipping men unfit for the work; the first time we were called to shorten sail, out of a crew of forty-six men and boys only twenty-three could go aloft. I well remember my feelings the first time I went up to the main royal to take in sail. I felt very proud to be able to handle the sails with the direction and assistance of one of the able seamen. With the ship rolling in a heavy sea is a very different matter to hold on and work than it appears when the ship is at the wharf.

I remember after being five or six days out a remark of one of the two boys we had from the eastern shore of Maryland: "Bill, didn't know we had to keep:

work like this all the time. I supposed after we had got the ship out to sea and all sails set, we would then *sit down and see her*." I have noticed that when men

get started in business they want to sit down and see it go, instead of hustling as the successful merchant does.

(*To be continued.*)

For The Sailors' Magazine.

JAPANESE SEAMEN.

BY THE REV. GEORGE P. PIERSON, SAPPORO, JAPAN.

Forty millions of people in Japan have no intelligent knowledge of the way of salvation. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that one person out of every five in the empire is associated directly with life on board boats or ships. Eight millions of people make a large parish. From the most primitive dug-out craft—the hollowed-out trunk of a tree—to the finest man-of-war afloat, is a great stretch. All the boats and vessels included in this parenthesis bear the men who with their wives and children form our parish. If it is the way of God's appointing we should be rejoiced to see evangelists raised up out of the heart of these millions.

Japanese fishermen are a hardy set of men and simple-minded. They believe in gods of the sea. That fishing community where no temple is found is a rare one. Even in the sailing craft themselves are to be seen diminutive shrines, reminding you of the sailors in Noah's vessel, who cried every man unto his god when the tempest lay heavy on them.

The Ainu people of Yezo stand before their *kamui* on the shore in front of their beached fishing boats. The *kamui* are short sticks huddled at the upper end, with the curling shavings left unseparated. Probably these *kamui* are not looked upon as gods themselves

but rather as indicating the place where the gods are. The Japanese deep sea sailors and crews of smaller coast steamers have less superstition, but, generally speaking, no especial religion. Casual acquaintance with the navy men has induced in the writer respect for this portion of the seafaring population. But there is one need and one gospel; and direct work for sailors is yet only in its day of beginnings.

You see yonder ship. After a long voyage, it has neared the haven, but is much injured; the sails are rent to ribbons, and it is in such a forlorn condition that it cannot come up to the harbor; a steam tug is pulling it in with the greatest possible difficulty. That is like the righteous being "scarcely saved." But do you see that other ship? It has made a prosperous voyage; and now, laden to the water's edge, with the sails all up and with the white canvas filled with the wind, it rides into the harbor joyously and nobly. That is an "abundant entrance;" and if you and I are helped by God's Spirit to add to our faith, virtue, and so on, we shall have at the last an "abundant entrance into the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ."—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

SKETCH OF THE SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY OF NORFOLK, VA.

[At the semi-centennial celebration of the Norfolk Society on February 14, 1876, the Rev. E. N. CRANE read the following sketch which is so full and complete to that date, that it is reproduced from the SAILORS' MAGAZINE, April, 1876, as one of the series of sketches of the missions of this Society now appearing in this Magazine. EDITOR.]

The first and only record of a Seamen's Friend Society in Norfolk, previous to the present organization that we have been able to find, is in the files of the *American Beacon and Norfolk and Portsmouth Advertiser*, where on February 4, 1825, is reported "A meeting held January 21st preceding at the house of Rev. Noah Davis, pastor of this (Cumberland Street Baptist) church, at which was formed a Seamen's Friend Society for the propagation of the gospel among seamen in this port." An executive committee of fifteen was appointed—the Rev. Noah Davis, chairman; William Carline, treasurer, and Joseph DeCormis, secretary.

A notice appeared in the *Beacon* of Saturday, January 22, 1825, that "the Rev. Mr. Davis would preach to seamen next day, at 3 o'clock, in Kay's sail loft on Southgate wharf," and was repeated the following week. How long this service was continued, or what the Society accomplished, does not appear.

Fifty years ago to-night, on this very spot, in this very house, and probably nearly at this very hour, the present Norfolk Seamen's Friend Society was organized. Its minutes are extant from the beginning—the earlier records being written by hands long since molded to dust. The record of the first meeting is as follows:

"*Norfolk, Va.* A meeting was

held February 14, 1826, according to previous arrangement, at the Cumberland Street Baptist meeting-house to take into consideration the necessity and expediency of making an effort in the port of Norfolk for the spiritual good of seamen. After the assembly, which was numerous and respectable, having met, the services were commenced by singing a hymn.

"The Rev. Dr. French, of the Methodist Church, prayed for the divine blessing on the proceedings."

"The Rev. Dr. French was called to the chair."

"The Rev. Mr. Kolloch, of the Presbyterian Church, offered the following resolution, accompanied by an address:

"*Resolved*, That it is expedient to make an effort in this port to ameliorate the spiritual condition of seamen."

"The resolution was adopted."

"The Rev. H. W. Ducachet, of the Episcopal Church, then addressed the meeting, explained and enforced the plan, and offered a constitution, which was unanimously adopted."

"The abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee." Isaiah lx: 5.

This was doubtless intended to be the motto of the Society.

Then follows the constitution, which is similar to that of kindred societies.

A board of managers was elected consisting of a president and

enty four other members (from which the other officers were chosen) six from each of the four churches then in Norfolk, viz.: Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian, including the pastors of each, thus insuring for the control of the Society a true catholic, evangelical Christianity, the principle upon which most religious societies in behalf of seamen have been founded, and upon which this Society has always acted.

The roll of this original board of managers, elected on the nomination of the Rev. Noah Davis, of the Baptist Church, is as follows: Robert Soutter, president; captain Richard Drummond and captain James Gilbert, vice-presidents; captain Robert Hatton, treasurer; Rev. Noah Davis, secretary; Rev. John French, Rev. Shepherd K. Kolloch, Rev. Henry C. Ducachet, Oney S. Dameron, captain Angus Martin, William Maxwell, Daniel G. Fisk, Hardy Hendren, captain Robert E. Reed, James Nimmo, captain James Hamilton, Robert C. Jennings, George Finch, George Rowland, Thomas L. Robertson, William Carline, Walter Ross, Joseph McCormis, John Black, Jeremiah Hendren.

Of this roll not one now survives.

At the first meeting of the board of managers, held February 20, 1826, by-laws were adopted, and the board divided into four working committees of five each, and a minister attached to each who were appointed preachers of the Society.

The Bethel flag presented by the Bethel Union of New York City to the previous Society was handed over to this Society by the Rev. Noah Davis, and committed to the

secretary with instructions to cause it to be hoisted at proper seasons.

The first religious services under the auspices of this Society appear from the preliminary arrangements to have been held in the second story of captain Richard Drummond's warehouse, the effort to procure the use of a room in the Custom House having failed.

On February 23, the board provided for the purchase of tracts to distribute among seamen, and on April 21 resolved that the Society become auxiliary to the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY by complying with the conditions required, and the Rev. Noah Davis was delegated to represent the Society at the next annual meeting of the national organization.

Preaching to seamen seems to have been supplied by the city pastors in rotation until December 14, 1826, when the Rev. Dr. French was appointed stated preacher for three months, but failed to keep the appointment for want of a suitable place in which to hold services; therefore, at a meeting of the board held April 24, 1827, the project of building a Mariners' Church was introduced and discussed, and a resolution adopted that it was "expedient to begin the effort."

This was the first step toward establishing a Bethel in Norfolk.

On July 26 1827, Lieut. Charles W. Skinner, U. S. N., was elected a manager in place of the Rev. Noah Davis, resigned, and appointed on a committee with the president, Robert Soutter, and the Rev. Dr. French, to select a site for a Mariners' Church, and on April 28, 1828, a committee was appointed to estimate the cost of a suitable brick building for the purpose, to seat 500 or 600. This

project, however, seems not to have succeeded at that time, nor for a number of years after. February 9, 1832, the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, city missionary, was appointed by the board to preach to the mariners. How long this arrangement continued does not appear. From this point no record appears on the minutes for several years, showing a suspension of the operations of the Society,

The next record is of a meeting held January 8, 1839, at the house of Capt. C. K. Stribling, U. S. N., who was elected a manager, and appointed on a committee with the Rev. Jeremiah Hendren, to examine into a bequest left to the Society by the late Capt. James Hamilton. At this meeting Joseph DeCormis was appointed secretary, which office he held in the former Society in 1825, in place of the Rev. S. K. Kolloch, resigned. Mr. William D. Bagnall was appointed treasurer.

The Mariners' Church project, though long delayed, was not abandoned. Funds were gradually accumulating, and on December 11, 1840, the board appointed a building committee to select a site for, and estimate the cost of, a suitable brick building for the purpose, and report as soon as practicable. A board of trustees, consisting of Messrs. G. W. Paul, G. W. Camp and J. T. Soutter, was appointed to attend to all the financial affairs of the Society.

The building committee reported July 30, 1842, that after various negotiations they had agreed to purchase a lot on Wide Water St. for \$800. The report was adopted and a committee appointed to collect funds for the building.

The death of the president, Robert Soutter, Sr., (July 24, 1842), was announced at this meet-

ing, and suitable resolutions passed. In the church, and in business circles, and in public esteem none stood higher than he, and none have been more lamented.

At the next meeting, soon afterwards, plans for the Mariners' Church were presented and one selected, and Messrs. James D. Johnson, James T. Soutter, George Camp, and Benjamin Pollard were appointed a committee to endeavor to get the Society incorporated by the State Legislature, which they accomplished, and on January 27, 1843, the Norfolk Seamen's Friend Society was organized under its charter by a majority of its members assembled in the Cumberland St. Baptist Church, where the first organization took place, and where almost all public meetings have been held. Dr. Nathan C. Whitehead, who had been elected a manager on December 9, 1842, and chosen president in place of Mr. Soutter, ceased, until the next annual election of officers, was in the chair.

The charter granted by the Legislature and "Rules and Regulations" in accordance with it were adopted, and Tazewell Taylor, Lieut. Arthur Sinclair, U. S. N., and the Rev. Mr. Robinson, of the Baptist Church, the duly appointed committee, nominated a board of managers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Dr. Nathan C. Whitehead, president; Capt. Charles W. Skinner, U. S. N., and Capt. James G. Herbert, merchant marine, vice-presidents; William D. Bagnall, treasurer; Joseph De Cormis, secretary; Samuel W. Paul, Dr. Ralph Rogers, John M. Nash, Benjamin Pollard, John Ridley, Capt. C. Stribling, U. S. N., Dr. George Wilson, Lewis Salusbury, James D. Johnson, Alexander Bell,

Bucktrout, James T. Soutter, Christopher Hall, Geo. W. Camp, S. Rockwell, Rev. Jeremiah Hendren, Rev. Arthur Cooper, Mr. P. Mayo, Thomas D. Toy and Rev. J. E. Joyner, who were elected without a dissenting voice. Only three of these were on the original board of managers seven years previous, Capt. James Herbert, Joseph De Cormis and Rev. Jeremiah Hendren. That the ladies of Norfolk became at this time actively interested in the seamen's cause appears from the fact found recorded in the files of the *Norfolk Herald*, that in 1843 they held a fair in the rooms of Walters's Hotel (since destroyed by fire) to aid the Mariners' Church erection fund, which netted \$1,438 50.

Messrs. Pollard, Bucktrout, Soutter, Johnson, and Tazewell Taylor were about this time appointed a committee of finance to devise ways and means to erect the proposed church.

The ceremony of laying the cornerstone took place on the national anniversary, July 4, 1843; the day being ushered in with salutes from the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues and the United States vessels in harbor.

On March 7, 1845, steps were taken to elect a chaplain and procure for his support, and the building committee was instructed to inquire in reference to vacant lots adjoining the Mariners' Church and a Sailors' Home, and on April following the Rev. William Reed was elected chaplain for three months. He served six months, when the board failing to comply with his request to form a regular church organization, he resigned, and on November 18 following the Rev. William H. Starr, of the M. E. Church, was elected chaplain.

On the 18th of April, 1846, the Norfolk Female Seamen's Aid Society (of the existence of which this is the first record I have as yet been able to find) sent a communication to the board of managers, offering to co-operate in sustaining a Sailors' Home, which it was contemplated to establish in Norfolk, and Mr. James D. Johnson was appointed to wait on the Ladies' Society and learn their views and obtain from other sources such information as might be pertinent to the subject.

On the 18th of July following the Ladies' Society offered to be responsible for \$150 annually for the rent of the house selected by the Norfolk Seamen's Friend Society and occupied as a Seamen's Home by Mr. Childs, who was thereupon elected superintendent of the Seamen's Home for one year from January 1, 1844; but Mr. Childs withdrew from the engagement before that time, and the project failed.

The next annual meeting of the Society was held in the Cumberland Street Baptist Church, May 8, 1848, president Dr N. C. Whitehead in the chair. The board of managers elected were: Dr. Nathan C. Whitehead, president; Rev. Arthur Cooper, Dr. George Wilson, vice-presidents; William D. Bagnall, treasurer; Thomas D. Toy, secretary. Eight new managers appeared on the roll, viz.: Richard B. Wright, J. G. H. Hatton, Lieut. R. B. Pegram, U. S. N., Seth March, Richard Capron, George F. Anderson, Harrison Robertson, N. H. Williams, members.

The name of the last one of the original managers, the Rev. Jeremiah Hendren, so regularly enrolled at the meetings of the board, disappears from the record after November 18, 1845.

The Mariners' Church was destroyed in the great conflagration which devastated that portion of the city on June 16, 1848, and the Rev. Mr. Starr's chaplaincy ended the 1st of November following. The church being insured for \$5,000, its rebuilding was provided for. The building committee were instructed to proceed immediately to rebuild, which was accomplished April 24, 1854.

Mr. James D. Johnson, of New Jersey, (whose name has already frequently occurred in this sketch, and who taught school in Norfolk for a number of years), was on January 20, 1849, accredited a general agent of the Society to collect funds for the Mariners' Church and Sailors' Home. In this capacity during the next eighteen months he scoured the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, from Portland to New Orleans, and by his indomitable and persevering zeal collected nearly \$11,000 for the work of the Society.

Elected a manager in 1834, he at once took a most active part in the work of the Society. He was appointed and was generally chairman on most of the important committees, and was soon recognized as a leader; and eventually was, by common consent, acknowledged *facile princeps* in devotion to the cause of seamen and effective work in the Society. Tall in stature, slightly stooping, always dressed in black, with extreme neatness, and wearing a white cravat, kindly and courteous, a man of reverend mien, he was universally respected and esteemed. When he removed to New York in 1850, the board passed most complimentary resolutions of thanks for his eminent services, and constituted him an *emeritus* member of their body, and when

ten years after (August 13, 1860) his death was announced, a series of most feeling resolutions of respect for his memory were passed by the board, acknowledging that "to his zeal and untiring efforts for nearly fourteen years this Society is indebted for its rise and progress and present prospects of usefulness."

On the 3rd of July, 1852, the board of managers agreed to sell the lot adjoining the Mariners' Church to the United States as part of the site for a new Custom House for \$3,500, probably regarding its dimensions too small for a Sailors' Home, and on November 15, 1854, agreed to purchase the lot corner of Wide Water and Madison Streets on which the present Bethel stands, for \$3,750.

On May 12, 1855, the Rev. S. Atmore, of the M. E. Church, was elected chaplain of the Mariners' Church for the next months.

The next meeting of the board of managers was held August 1856, at which Mr. Bagnall, treasurer, reported \$11,340.23 in hand on account of the Sailors' Home Fund, and \$731.53 contributed by the Ladies' Seamen's Association towards furnishing it with built, making a total of \$12,071.73. At this meeting the death of the president, Dr. Nathan C. Whitehead, (July 21, 1856,) was announced, and resolutions were passed by the board of managers recording their sense of the great loss which not only this Society but the whole community had sustained in his death. He is remembered as a gentleman of fine appearance and urbane address, commanding honor and esteem from all who knew him.

On December 8, 1857, Mr. John H. Rowland was unanimously

ected president and Mr. G. F. Anderson, vice-president of the Society.

The Rev. Robert Gatewood, of the Episcopal Church, was appointed chaplain of the Mariners' Church for one year on January 1, 1859. During his chaplaincy a Bethel Sunday School was established, which was continued for some time afterward.

A plan for a Sailors' Home, furnished by Messrs. Lynn and Murck, architects, was presented to the committee May 11, 1859, and it appearing after very full investigation and discussion of the subject at several meetings of the board that the building could not be erected on the plan proposed for \$10,000, the sum fixed upon by the board, it was, on July 18, 1859, returned to the architects as not suited to the means of the Society, with a request that they furnish one that would be. Here the matter finally rested, as during the coming year commenced the turmoil of the war. No further action was taken, and since the return of peace the commercial conditions of Norfolk, and indeed of the whole country, as well as the character of shipping and crews, have so changed that the demand for a Sailors' Home in Norfolk has not until quite recently been seriously felt. The funds of the Society raised for this purpose have been faithfully preserved with less diminution than might have been expected during the war, and the income is used to do the work of the Society, including that for which a Home is intended in part, the care of wrecked and destitute seamen; but the need of a Home now begins to be seriously felt, and it is to be hoped may be supplied at no very distant day, and also a Bethel more centrally located and commodious.

The Rev. Mr. Kaufman, of the M. E. Church, was appointed temporary chaplain of the Mariners' Church, January 3, 1861.

On the 20th of May, 1862, the board of managers, upon the application of the chaplain of the First Delaware Regiment, granted the use of it as a chapel for the United States troops. It was afterward, under military occupation, used as barracks and left in ruins, which it has been found necessary to dispose of and have removed, and the lot has been sold. A claim on the United States Government for indemnification is awaiting adjustment, with about the usual prospect of success in such cases.

From 1862 to 1865 the operations of the Society were suspended through the exigencies of war.

The present chaplain was commissioned by the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, August 1, 1865, and entered immediately on duty. The Mariners' Church being in ruins, and no place available in which to establish stated religious services for seamen, the work for a year assumed the character of a missionary itinerancy—the distribution of papers, and tracts, and Bibles, and Testaments, and the offering of Christian counsel; and occasionally holding religious service on board United States naval vessels as opportunity offered.

In the summer of the following year (1866) the present Bethel building, donated by several benevolent gentlemen of Boston to the Chesapeake Army Hospital, near Hampton, for a chapel, was, with their consent, at the close of the war turned over to the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY to be used as a Seamen's Bethel in Norfolk; and by the consent of the Norfolk Seamen's Friend Society (which has cordially recog-

nized and co-operated with the present chaplain, and for several years assumed two-thirds of his support), removed here and re-erected upon their lot on Wide Water Street, which it now occupies.

It was dedicated as a Seamen's Bethel on Sunday, October 14, 1866, with appropriate religious services. The house was filled with an audience who seemed deeply interested in the occasion and the cause of seamen. The mercantile shipping in port, and that of the navy, was well represented—the latter by rear-admiral (now vice-admiral) Stephen C. Rowan, who accepted a special invitation to be present and hoist the Bethel flag for the first time over this house of worship with ceremonies suited to the occasion, and chaplain Charles A. Davis, on duty at the naval hospital, who offered the prayer of dedication, and other officers and seamen; and the ladies of several of their families. The United States army was represented by chaplain Vincent Palen, who made a brief and earnest address.

This is, therefore, the tenth year of the dedication of the present Bethel, and as may be remarked in passing, the twentieth year of the ordination to the ministry of the Bethel chaplain; the fiftieth, just passed, of the existence of this Society; the sixtieth, of the erection of this church in which the Society was organized, and the one hundredth of the Republic—a series of decades curious and interesting, if not in all respects very important.

A meeting of the board of managers was held March 3, 1869, when a reorganization to some extent was effected by the election of nine new managers to fill va-

cancies caused by death or removal. The board then stood as follows: president, John H. Rowland; vice-president, Col. William Lamb; secretary, Thomas D. Toy; treasurer, A. L. Seabury. Ezra T. Summers, Seth March, John White, Charles S. Allmand, James C. Pollard, William H. Broughton, William T. Harrison, William I. Reynolds, Charles Reid, John Goode, Jr., William Callis, Robert W. Santos, Lewis Salusbury, Benjamin W. Gatch, Joseph C. Deming, William H. Morris, E. C. Lindsay, J. H. Dawson, G. K. Goodridge, R. H. Chamberlaine, E. Griffith.

Only three of these were members of the board at the last recorded meeting of the Society and election of managers on May 1848, viz.: Thomas D. Toy, Lewis Salusbury and Seth March.

Only the two former were members of the board at the first meeting of the Society under its charter February 27, 1843, and one of these, Lewis Salusbury, has but recently passed away. We cannot but pay a passing tribute to the fidelity and zeal with which he aided in guarding the sacred trust committed to this Society and promoting the cause for which it exists. One only of the original charter members of the board of managers now survives, Mr. Thomas D. Toy, and it is cause for regret that he is not with us on this occasion. To him as secretary of the Society for nearly a generation we are indebted for the accurate and careful minutes of the board from which most of this sketch is compiled, and for their safe preservation through all the vicissitudes of the past. I cannot in justice fail to make special mention of one more (among the many worthy of it) of the former officers

his Society, whose memory also merits our lasting gratitude for his long and faithful discharge of his official duties, Mr. William D. Bagnall, who was elected a manager and treasurer of the board, January 8, 1839, and continued in office until his death, March 1869—thirty years of the fifty years of the Society's existence. To his judicious care and financial ability are due the safe preservation and investment of the funds of the Society through severe money crises and other troublous times, as well as the most accurate keeping of its accounts in the simplest manner in this unpretentious and venerable book (showing the treasurer's book) which has come down to us from the first organization of the Society. A few months after the death of Mr. Bagnall, the board of managers were called to lament the loss of the third president of the Society, Mr. John Rowland, (who died on July 1869), and passed resolutions emphatically expressive of the deep feeling of sorrow for his loss. He is remembered by all as the kind and warm-hearted Christian gentleman, and by no one with more pleasing recollections of his uniform courtesy and kindness in delicate circumstances than the present chaplain of the Society in his first years of his service here, who would take occasion in passing to express his grateful sense of the kind consideration and respect with which he has been rewarded by the board of managers from the beginning of his official relations with them, and his high appreciation of the recorded expression of their confidence and esteem which he has on several occasions received. On the 16th of August, 1869, Col. Wm. Lamb, the fourth and present president

of the Society, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Rowland. The terms of office of the first three presidents were as follows: Mr. Soutter, ten years; Dr. Whitehead, fourteen years, and Mr. Rowland, fourteen years.

On Sunday evening, May 21, 1871, the forty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Norfolk Seamen's Friend Society was celebrated with public exercises at the Cumberland Street M. E. Church, which large edifice was filled to its utmost capacity. The president, Col. William Lamb, presided. A brief address on the past operations of the Society by the seamen's chaplain (still on duty here) was followed by an excellent discourse on "The Mission of Commerce," from Gen. vi., 14, 16, by the Rev. Harmon Loomis, D. D., corresponding secretary of the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY. Prayer was then offered by the Rev. Mr. Haynes of the M. E. Tabernacle, and a brief and earnest address delivered by the president of the Society. The annual meeting of the Society for business was held on the next evening, May 22, in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church, when the annual election of a board of managers took place. From that time onward regular annual meetings of the Society have been held upon the day fixed by the charter, the second Monday in May.

The present officers and board of managers of the Society are as follows: Col. William Lamb, president; William D. Reynolds, Joseph C. Deming, vice-presidents; Alfred L. Seabury, treasurer; Wm. H. Broughton, secretary; George W. Dey, assistant secretary; Thos. D. Toy, Lewis Salusbury, James

G. Pollard, Benjamin P. Loyall, S. N. Brickhouse, Dr. H. M. Nash, E. J. Griffith, Charles Reid, Capt. James Cornick, J. H. Dawson, William M. Millar, Luther Sheldon, W. S. Forrest, William T. Harrison, E. T. Summers, William H. Morris, R. F. Vaughan, Thomas W. Godwin, T. A. Williams, there being a change of six members since the last public anniversary of the Society in 1871.

In the spring of 1873 the Bethel was thoroughly repaired and improved at an expense to the Society of over \$1,000, and re opened with appropriate services April 6, 1873, in which several of the city pastors assisted the chaplain.

What has been really accomplished in promoting the object of the Society's organization and continued existence, the moral, spiritual and temporal welfare of the seamen during the first forty years of its history, we may infer from the record, but eternity alone can reveal it. Doubtless much for the salvation of souls and the glory of God.

The work of the last ten years, during the present chaplaincy, we have time only to sum up briefly in the closing sentences of the chaplain's last annual report. A seamen's Bethel erected and its services firmly established and regularly sustained, a full and flourishing Sabbath School organized and continued with increasing interest and with scarcely a Sabbath interruption, a weekly visitation of all the shipping in port and distribution to all on board of seamen's papers, magazines and tracts, the supply of Bibles to vessels and of Testaments and Psalms to sailors unfurnished with them, all needed aid rendered to shipwrecked and destitute seamen, ministration to sick and disabled seamen in hospital, with evidences

of the power of divine truth upon the consciences and hearts many, and the fruits of saving grace in the case of some, the enlargement of the field of labor, the commerce of the port gradually increased; such is a general summary of the progress and results of the chaplaincy in the port during the past decade of the Society's mission to seamen.

Mr. Crane continued his labor in Norfolk for about sixteen years and resigned on May 7, 1881. He received from the board of managers and others testimonials of their approbation of his "diligence, fidelity and efficiency." In 1884 Mr. Crane became chaplain at the Navy Yard, New York. The Rev. J. B. Merritt was appointed chaplain at Norfolk in the summer of 1881, and still remains at his post. ED.

Shore Greetings.

Oh, happy landing! Happy is the earthly voyager, who, after a long and painful separation from beloved relatives, hails them on the shore, and in a few moments made is locked in their embrace! Happy still the spiritual voyager, who, after longer and sadder separation, parted by death, descries the towers of the new Jerusalem in sight, lights gleaming in the harbor—Sabbath-bells of glory ringing, loved and lost ones lining the heavenly shore, waiting to conduct him hand in hand up the streets of the celestial city. The long midnight of earth's tempestuous sea is over, trials shall no longer be either dreaded or feared. In a sinless, stormless, sorrowless, tearless world, they shall "ever be with the Lord!"
Rev. James McDuff.

WORK AMONG SEAMEN.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, &c.

At Stations on the Foreign Field.

Sweden.

STOCKHOLM.

Mr. J. T. HEDSTROM writes on January 1:

"I have found many sailors who have been longing for salvation, and when I have spoken to them about the necessity of accepting Christ as their Saviour they have received the word of God. During the last quarter I have in two vessels found a whole crew desirous to be Christians, and from these sailors' lips I have heard that they know it is much better to be children of God than it is to lead a life in sin, so may God save us."

On the 5th of October I went on board an English steamer where I found a young man who was a Catholic. He was at that time alone in the fore-castle. I have since observed that if we get a sailor away from his companions we can get at his heart better. I spoke to this boy about the seeming love and showed him the simplicity of the gospel. Then he told me that he was a Catholic and a great sinner. I told him that many of the worst have received the grace of the loving Saviour by being turned into jewels to be used in the royal crown. He took a New Testament and promised to read it, his eyes melted in tears.

On the 8th of the same month I went on board a Norwegian vessel and asked the boatswain if he was bound to the port of harbor of peace. He said that he was tired of serving the devil and wanted to be a Christian. From that vessel I went on board a German steamer where I found the boatswain very ill in his berth, and when I came to him he received me gladly. He listened to me with solemn attention and commenced to cry "God help me or I perish." God's blessing rested upon the sick man.

On the fourteenth of the same month I went on board a bark and found the whole crew on deck. The men listened with interest, but none of them accepted Christ at that time. When I went to the fore-castle I found the steward there and asked him "how do you do?" With a sad face he replied "God be praised, I am His child." Then he told me he had been at Stockholm and received from me

a book-bag, for which he praised the Lord.

Every Friday evening during October and November we had a great festival when tea and cakes have been served out to every one. Some ladies sang sacred hymns. Pastors from different churches have preached Him "who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption." The dew of heaven has fallen upon many hearts and weak spirits have been confirmed. More than fifty sailors have thanked God for what they have received on these evenings, and the great day will reveal to us the results from this work of love.

I have also paid a short visit to some islands, namely, Furusund, Kopmanholm and Blido. On the 27th of November I preached the gospel at Furusund. On the 28th of the same month we were gathered at the mission house of Kopmanholm at 11 o'clock a. m. and at 6 p. m. What a refreshing sight to see these seafaring men with their families around the table of grace like hungry children. On the 12th of December I paid a visit to Blido. After the sermon we had a blessed prayer meeting when four men stood up and confessed their sins and praised God for His saving grace. This made a very great impression on the unconverted sailors.

Christmas evening was celebrated in the mission room at the Sailors' Home. Two beautiful Christmas trees were placed in the front of the room. After the gospel sermon the presents were distributed to all the sailors. After all this was over the sailors got a splendid supper, and all of them enjoyed it very much.

From the Trinitarian Bible Society I have had the honor of receiving a great case of Testaments and portions of the Bible in different languages, and from a dear Irish brother, Mr. E. F. MUNSTER, of Belfast, I have got a great gift of books in many languages.

The following statistics show the work during the past year: Visits to vessels, 1,379; tracts distributed to seamen, 25,685; Bibles, 15; Testaments, 215; portions of the Bible, 1,107; visits to families, hospitals and persons, 115; book-bags issued and placed on vessels, 237, the number of volumes in these bags was 6,191,

tracts and magazines, 7,619, Bibles, 75, Testaments, 193; these tracts and books have been distributed to sailors belonging to the following nations: English, German, Dutch, French, Spanish, Italian, Croatian, Greek, Austrian, Finnish, Russian, Norwegian, Danish and Swedish.

SUNDSVALL.

The Rev. E. ERIKSSON writes on January 1:

The large increase in marine business the past year has kept me busy and I have had more to do than ever before, but the work has been a blessed work. Though we have not had any great revival, many sailors have been converted and many more under the conviction of sin. Beside visiting the fifty ports of lading in the vicinity of Sundsvall I have also visited the fishing villages on the coast and preached the gospel to the fishermen and their families. Even here we have realized the blessings of God. The Holy Spirit has worked mightily upon the hearts of the unsaved, and cries for mercy have been heard at our after-meetings.

During the past quarter I have preached 52 times, led in 45 prayer meetings; average attendance of seamen at religious services, 2, of others, 1; religious visits to hospitals, 4, on ships, 153, in boarding houses, 60; tracts, &c., distributed, 2,000.

GOTHENBURG.

Mr. CHRISTIAN NIELSEN writes on January 10:

The first anniversary of our seamen's Bethel was held on October 24, 1897, with a social entertainment for the seafaring men. Beside the Rev. Mr. WESTALL, of the Church of England, and the Rev. B. BOHLIN, we had your beloved missionary at Copenhagen. All the friends here were very much pleased to see Mr. WOLLESEN, and some of them publicly rendered to him their thanks and to the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY for the grand and glorious work done in Scandinavia through its agency.

As we are looking back upon the past year our heart fills with gratitude for the blessings which we have received. We must say God has done great things for us. Many obstacles have been removed and the work has gone forward with great success. About fifteen thousand sailors have made use of the reading room. The

attendance at our meetings has increased so that we must think of securing a larger place, and I hope that everything will be ready so that we can move into the new place in January, 1899.

We are especially thankful to God for the friends who are assisting us in our efforts; they have proved to be instruments in the hand of God to the salvation of lost sinners. In my last report was a letter from a sailor converted at the opening service at our Bethel through a sermon preached by the Rev. M. WISSEMAN GREEN. A few days ago a sailor from Sundsvall testified that he was won for Christ through the hymn "Thy will be done," which a lady sang at our anniversary. Also from the hospital comes the blessed report of reaping after sowing. Sailors who left the place long ago write to the nurses thanking them for the interest they have taken in their spiritual welfare and for the words they had heard at the gospel meetings which we have held while they were there. In November two more sailors were discharged who have given evidence of having been thoroughly converted. About a year and a-half ago we met at the same hospital a young girl who for six years had lived a wild and sinful life. She expressed her desire to begin a new life if any one gave her a chance. My dear wife gave her the chance and for a year and a-half she worked faithfully and lived a Christian life. Now she is dying at the hospital, and yesterday she said to me "take my thanks to Mr. NIELSEN; tell her that I am not afraid to die, the crucified Saviour is my Saviour. It was her kindness that did it." We have the advantage at this hospital that the matron and the nurses are all Christians.

Through the kindness of my friends we have been enabled to get a magic lantern. This has proved to be of much help in our work, as it is not only that our social meetings are more interesting, but we have also used the lantern at our gospel meetings where the life of Christ and the Prodigal Son have been illustrated.

During the time of Christmas and New Year we had meetings every night. On Christmas evening thirty-five sailors of five different nationalities were invited by Mrs. NIELSEN to a Christmas supper at our Bethel. After supper the gospel was preached and a book (Newman Hall "Come to Jesus") and a New Testament were given to each of the sailors. Never has a crowd of seamen had a more blessed Christmas evening, or expressed hearty thanks.

Besides my work here I have given attention to the mission work along the coast, and I wish through the *SAILORS' GAZETTE* to render my most cordial thanks to Mrs. ROBERTSON, London, Mr. MONSTER, Belfast, and Mr. JOHN MAC-ALLANE, Stirling, Scotland, who have enabled me to supply the missions at Elmstad, Helsingborg, Malmo, Ystad, Landskrona and Carlskrona with hundreds of Testaments and many thousands of tracts.

Statistics for past quarter: Religious services held in chapel, 26, on shipboard, in hospital, 20, elsewhere, 11; average attendance of seamen at religious services, 50; religious visits to hospitals, 30, on ships and in boarding houses, 342; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 130, tracts, 1,000.

Statistics for the year 1897: Religious services in chapel, 76, in hospitals, 73, on shipboard, 45, elsewhere, 56; visits to hospitals, 100, to ships, families and boarding houses, 1,221; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 325, tracts, 13,000; sailors signed the temperance pledge, 63, Christian Endeavor pledge, 27; sought assistance in spiritual need, 34; requests for prayers, 171; poor sailors helped, 52; visitors to Seamen's Bethel, 5,893, including revisitors, 13,602.

Denmark.

COPENHAGEN.

The Rev. A. WOLLESEN writes on January 1:

Our work on shipboard, in boarding houses and elsewhere has secured so large attendance that every seat in our Bethel ship has been occupied. On October 25, 1897, I worked in connection with Mr. CHRISTIAN NIELSEN, of Gothenburg, and found brother and sister N. working for the single end of bringing sinners to Christ. Their Bethel was nicely attractive, with a large turn out of sailors of various nations and colors, and a staff of co-workers of whom several took a part in the services. Evidently that mission will prosper, for the missionary's as well as his dear wife's zeal are well known by many, and especially by those to whom they are commissioned. On Sabbath, November 7, 1897, we celebrated the eighteenth anniversary in connection with my friends and co-workers in the Bethel ship. Two hundred and fifty sailors and about fifty ladies re-

lated to seamen gave prayerful attendance. The Rev. Mr. PRIOR and I preached and gave some details of the evangelizing efforts made. A holy atmosphere, never to be forgotten, prevailed, and wounded spirits were led to the healing stream.

Tokens of love for the mariners and appreciation of our work are annually received from the beloved Queen of Denmark. On December 28, 1897, two hundred and fifty Scandinavian sailors, including Prince WALDEMAR, captain in the navy, were gathered around a beautiful Christmas tree, the gift of the Queen. On December 29, fifty-two, and on January 3, forty English sailors received tokens of love and their appreciation was plainly manifested. Our gratitude to our many friends in the dear, dear land of our spiritual birth, to those who patronize the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, and to the gentlemen of said Society for confidence and affection during my long connection with it.

Religious services held in chapel, 42, on shipboard, 11, in hospital, 7, elsewhere, 3; average attendance of seamen at religious services 100, of others, 50; religious visits made to hospitals and prisons, 24, on ships, 361, in boarding houses and families, 359; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 324, tracts, 8,000.

Germany.

HAMBURG.

Mr. H. M. SHARPE writes on January 15:

English and American ladies provided a good tea both on December 27 and January 3 at which 39 seamen and 37 residents sat down. On the first festive day a concert followed, there being 167 officers and men present and 102 residents; at the New Year tea 122 seamen and 25 residents were present, and at the concert which followed 189 officers and men and 39 residents. There were 200 useful presents given away and the poor seamen in hospital were not forgotten. Mr. CHAPLIN presided on both occasions. We had with us H. B. M. consul-general WARD and Mrs. WARD, the American consul, Dr. PITCAIRN, and Mrs. PITCAIRN, and all the members of the committee.

I am glad to inform you that the British consulate is now in the same building as the Institute, and that from the 1st of January all captains have to pay off and

sign their own crews. The shipping masters are a thing of the past. We have also a Board of Trade official here and through him hundreds of pounds have been sent home by sailors which would have found their way into the pockets of the crimps and boarding masters. The consulate being in the same building will increase the usefulness of the Institute. I have received a number of cheering letters from seamen who have found the Institute a great benefit to them temporally and spiritually.

Number of American ships in port since last statement, 1, British, 974; religious services in chapel, 13; average attendance of seamen at religious services, 30, of others, 5; religious visits to hospitals, 14, on ships, 404, in boarding houses, 30; Bibles distributed, 3, tracts, 932.

Statistics for the year 1897: General attendance, 13,169; visitors, 779; services held, 1,744; tracts, 21,332 pages; letters written, 1,503, received, 961; visits to lodging houses, 98, to shipping offices, 95, to hospital, 94, to sick seamen, 333, to British and American consulates, 108, Sunday teas, 808; pledges, 48; tracts distributed, 2,929, bundles of reading, 656; ships visited, 1,676.

Belgium.

ANTWERP.

The Rev. J. ADAMS writes on January 12:

The year 1897 has been a year of activity and progress. Very encouraging have been the frequent words of appreciation from men who have visited us; while some have even said that so far as their experience goes our Institute is second to none. All along our aim has been to create an atmosphere of brightness and brotherliness, and that we have in some measure succeeded is shown by the fact of the recurring visits of the same men as often as they are in port. The following extract from a letter is good testimony as to the homeiness of our Institute. The writer says: "A year ago this month we entered Antwerp docks, looking forward to anything but a pleasant stay in a port foreign to us. I can assure you whatever home port we visit from here, whether English or continental, we cannot be made more at home than you made us feel, nor can we enjoy our stay in port more than what we did in Antwerp."

Of all branches of our work the religious comes first, and here we thank God and take courage, for our labor has not been in vain. We never had better attendances at our services, nor more appreciative congregations, and in our midst the gospel of Christ has proved to be the "power of God unto salvation." But of this let others speak. A young man who attended our services for some time writing to me on December 18, 1897, tell me has given up his late position with its prospects to engage exclusively in Christian work, says, "When the light of salvation came for the first time into my soul as you were preaching the gospel of Christ, I felt so happy. That happiness I could not and cannot keep to myself. I want others to possess it and join with me in prayer and to magnify the Lord for His goodness." Another young man referring to the Institute writes on October 23, 1897: "I often think of the pleasant time we spent there, especially the hours of service. They were very beneficial to us and I — and I often talk about them. In fact all the voyagers we have been with you in spirit on Sundays and Wednesdays and Fridays."

The attendance at our reading room has been very good. During the summer quarter there were 2,556 visits, and in the last quarter of the year the total was 4,082. There is an excellent supply of papers and periodicals which are extensively read. There has been an increase in the number and variety of games provided. A new billiard room has been erected which is now in use. We hope by these means that the Institute will be more attractive than before.

Our Christmas gathering was the largest we have ever had; 168 men sat down to tea, 220 presents were given away while the total attendance at the afternoon gathering was 282.

Number of American ships in port since last statement, 8, all others, 1,450; religious services held in chapel, 12; attendance of seamen at religious services, 3,902, of others, 1,293; religious visits to hospitals, 17, on ships, 1,679, in boarding houses, 23; tracts distributed, 11,678.

India.

KARACHI.

The Rev. W. H. DOWLING writes December 15, 1897:

We have been standing on the board

Beulah land. On October 20 the dear Lord was with us and helped me in speaking to eighty or ninety seamen. On November 4 some friends gave a "Service Song" in the Rest which was appreciated by all. I feel the need of a good magic lantern, which would help to entertain our seamen. This has been a long-felt want, and I should be glad to hear of anyone who has one to sell cheap. I would like to make it a present to such noble work.

Number of ships in port since last statement, 30; religious services held in chapel, 24, on shipboard, 1, in hospital; elsewhere, 20; average attendance of seamen at religious services, 12, of others, 2; religious visits to hospitals, 12, on ships, 60; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 40, tracts, &c., 1,500.

Japan.

YOKOHAMA.

The following two letters were written by Mr. AUSTEN:

"I wish so to be with you to-night

and talk with the sailors. Tell them all from me that whatever they do and don't do they must prepare to meet their God and Saviour. I thank you so much for your kindness towards me. I shall never regret the step I took and shall always hold fast; that you may rely upon."

"First of all when I think of all the grace that our heavenly Father shows us, I can do nothing but rejoice, because when we were yet far away He loved us and took us as we were. It may be that not all the redeemed can see it as such a slave to sin as I; but I know He is mine; is that not enough to make a man glad? When a man is in a ship and hears and sees nothing else than evil, I get tired. What a comfort to know that Jesus was put to grief for us and that there is always an open gate so that we can fly to Him with all our sorrows. I was very glad that Sunday night when you spoke of the never-dying soul. Now I will just tell how I came to Christ. One dark night I stood on my lookout, and began to think of my home, my old parents; and then and there the Lord spoke, and before I knew anything I had yielded myself to Christ. Oh happy day when Jesus washed my sins away."

At Ports in the United States.

Massachusetts.

GLOUCESTER.

The Rev. E. C. CHARLTON writes on January 1:

The year 1897 is past and gone, but its record will long remain. The most important event to American deep sea fishermen was the reestablishing of the whole-fresh fish market in Gloucester, the great fishing port of this western continent. The benefit to the fishermen as a whole is already apparent. The men with their families now have the sweet privilege of their homes more frequently than formerly, an advantage alike to the men and their families, more home-life. The high price of fish has added a little to their income and their home comforts.

At the Institute no effort has been spared to make the hundreds of single men and strangers as happy as possible while they are with us. Increased audiences in the religious and social services have been noted with pleasure. The religious interest in the service is greater than ever before in the Institute's history.

A large number of men have bowed at the altar and confessed Jesus Christ their Lord. At the watch-night service at the midnight hour full two score men in their prime consecrated their lives to Christ, and at almost every service recently there have been some requests for prayer.

A Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, consisting of about a dozen young men, has been formed for active Christian work.

Christmas was appropriately observed, the chapel was beautifully decorated with evergreen and bunting by FRED. BATEMAN and members of the Social Union. On Christmas eve the chapel was overcrowded and many were necessarily turned away. An excellent entertainment was given by Miss PATCH, reader, and Mrs. WARREN BENNETT, soloist, after which all present were served with coffee, cake, confectionery and fruit. Two hundred comfort bags and a number of knit articles, including hoods, mittens, stockings and sweaters, were distributed among the men. Many strangers were greatly surprised by their presents. Some shed

tears of joy, and many were the expressions of gratitude for such a happy Christmas eve. The treat was largely paid for by Miss J. G. WATSON, of Orange, N. J., and music by Miss MARY SARGENT, of Brynmar, Penn., who was born on the site where the Institute now stands. She is ninety-two years of age and greatly interested in the work of the Gloucester Fishermen's Institute. A well attended Christmas service was held on Christmas day, and another in the evening.

New Year was observed with a watch-night service. This was pronounced the most impressive service ever held in this chapel.

Some excellent entertainments have been given during the month, especially the Welcome Home entertainment to the Fresh Fishermen by Mr. FRED TIBBETTS and W. AUGUSTUS NICHOLS, reader, the REYNOLDS Brothers, and Prof. GEORGE B. STEVENS.

We have now fifty-five loan libraries containing twenty-two hundred volumes for use on board of fishing vessels on their voyages. The refining presence, the good cheer and helpfulness from their scholarly, devout historians, scientists, fictionists, philosophers and preachers, who can estimate? The writer remembers, even now, with pleasure the comfort and inspiration he derived from a loan library twenty-five years ago on a China voyage.

The quantity of literature distributed to outward bound fishermen is almost incredible. For one week in December every package given away was weighed, and it amounted to upward of eight hundred pounds. This was by no means an unusual quantity. These packages contain religious and secular papers, and magazines are always in demand. Only two libraries have been placed during December: No. 33 on board the schooner *Sarah H. Lee* on a Newfoundland herring trip, and No. 3 on the schooner *Charles Levi Woodbury* bound for Alaskan waters. During the present month we gather in and refit all the libraries that have been in service, ready for the spring fleet.

The chaplain reports progress in his efforts for the mission vessel and hopes soon to be ready to buy a suitable schooner.

Also on February 4:

It gives me pleasure to report that the month of January has been marked by a blessed work of grace. Between sixty and seventy seamen have publicly conse-

crated themselves to Jesus Christ at our altar during the past month.

The month of February has had a good opening with us. On the first day of the month our coast was literally strewn with wreckage. About twenty vessels were cast ashore during that night, many of them totally wrecked. We know not how many, nor how many lives lost. Yesterday I attended the funeral of five unknown sailors washed ashore on our beach. Certainly two, probably three, of the coasters were smashed to pieces and their hands lost right in our outer harbor, which is recognized as one of the safest on the coast. We cared for the crew of the wrecked coaster *Geo. W. Jewett* and sent them to their homes. Next Sunday we hold memorial services for the eight and three fishermen lost from this port during the past year.

In port since last statement, a number of coasters; religious services held in chapel, 28, in churches out of town, 12; average attendance of seamen at religious services, 23, of others, 18; religious visits on ships, &c., 130, in boarding houses, 80; Bibles and Testaments distributed, probably 200, and a large quantity of tracts.

Testimonies:

"I have not been in the habit of speaking in meeting. I am ashamed to confess that I have made light of it. For a long time I have realized that it was time for me to break off from my sin, but I had got so hardened and discouraged withal that I well nigh despaired. I fell on Christmas morn, in this very spot, bowed at Jesus' feet, and I thank God I heard even my prayer and that I am permitted with the new year to begin a new life of hope. I know not what lies before me, but I know that I can and I will trust God for His love and care."

"I have been most all over the world. As I review my life I am sad to think that wherever I have been, now that I am old, I can look back only on a life of sin. I have sinned everywhere. I have sinned every way. Sin has broken me down and brought me where I am. I am sick of sin. If you think God can have mercy on such a wretch as I am I will seek Him, and here and now sin and I shall part."

"When I first came to your church, I didn't like it all. I thought it couldn't be Christian at all, but soon I began to feel so strange. I felt that I was the babe and not the church. When you prayed and said 'Oh God must hear that prayer' and soon I felt better in my heart. I had

en away my pipe and tobacco; I have
en up everything bad. I would like
be one of your brothers, if you will
ve me. I will never shame you."
"I thank God that I have lived to see
s day and to hear this Scripture lesson.
seems as though I had never heard any
rds like it before, and yet I have read
t psalm many a time, but to night it
ms almost as though God was talking
me out of that blessed word."
"A day in God's court is better than a
ousand years of sin. To me this hour
this chapel is worth more than all my
mer life. Oh when I think of how
lish I have been during all these years
live in sin and shame, when a thous-
d church bells in many lands have
led me to praise, prayer and holy liv-
g, I am devoutly thankful to God for
ring me and giving me this day. Now
the first time in my life I feel ready
live or die as God will, knowing that
ether living or dying I am the Lord's."

New York.

SAILORS' HOME.

Capt. DOLLAR writes on February 8:
I am happy to state that God is blessing
our labors. At the close of one of our
meetings a sailor and a boarder in the
same confessed Christ openly and left
their port rejoicing in the Lord. Some of
the crew of the steamship *Dago*, lost at
sea, acknowledged that they received a
messing. The Rev. SAMUEL BOULT, of
Mariners' Church, spoke very point-
ly to them of the goodness of God in
turning their lives to meet in the house of
God again. At the suggestion of Mr.
ALEXANDER we are trying to establish a
Bible class. Friday night is chosen for
that purpose, and we will give a hearty
welcome to any who will join with us.
Search the Scriptures, for they are they
which testify of Me."

THE CATHARINE MISSION, 24 CATHARINE
SLIP.

More than once the readers of the Mag-
azine have been introduced to the work
of this mission, under the care of Miss M.
DELANEY, her sister, Dr. DELANEY, and
Mr. McLAIRDY. Besides the Helping
Hand for Mothers, the Sewing Class for
Children, the Day Nursery and Kinder-
garten, the Dispensary for Women and

Children, the Free Reading Room for
Men, the Bible Class and Sunday School,
there is a gospel meeting every evening.
As 24 Catharine Slip is near the East
River shipping and the haunts of sailors,
many officers and seamen attend the evan-
gelistic meetings, and numerous conver-
sions occur among the seafaring men,
who are often invited to the hospitable
table of these remarkable women, and en-
joy the only social life they see in New
York. Apprentice boys on British ships
come to regard them with reverence and
affection, and their mothers often write
to them with tearful gratitude for their
agency in the bringing of their sons to
Christ. The sailors themselves write to
these ladies from all parts of the world.
It is a pleasure to share with our readers
very brief extracts from a few of these
letters, which overflow with thankfulness
and beg for prompt replies. ED.

The chief officer of a bark writes:

"As we are tiding to sea to-day I write
a few lines to let you know how God in
His goodness has blessed me; my crew is
all saved but three. What a friend I have
in Jesus this morning. He has promised
to go all the way with me and His prom-
ise is so sure. I do love Him this morn-
ing; He is my all. God bless the Cath-
arine Slip Mission and all the workers
that work there for Jesus."

An apprentice on the same vessel writes:

"We got our crew on board this morn-
ing and there is one who was a Christian,
but in going to sea he tried to stand in
his own strength and fell. Remember
me in your prayers."

A chief officer writes:

"I can't live altogether without writ-
ing to you. I can't find words to thank
you at all for all you have done for us
since we met. I think the boys are in
about the same fix. When I look back to
my past I can see God's hand in many
things that have happened to me, even
though the overlookers refused to let me
home, which I am glad of now. I have
been made to become one of God's bairns.
Satan comes along in some queer shapes
to me aboard here, but when I look away
from my own weak strength and just
lean on Him I am able to come off more
than conqueror. What an almighty friend

Jesus is and how near He is to all who simply trust Him! May God enable me to live humbly and fearfully lest I lose hold on Him. All through the time I was a backslider and a scorner of the truth, I had always a hankering after a better life, and have at times read my Bible for weeks regularly. Once I began at Genesis and got on as far as Judges when I came to a full stop and got up some sensational novel and the pipe in its stead. Last Sunday's sermon is still with me, and as my body is a temple of God's, the Book tells me, so I mean to keep it, with His help and guidance, pure, and not to defile it even with tobacco. I have tried to discontinue smoking for a while at a time before, but still the old craving always came back again, worse than ever; but, thank God, He has taken the craving for tobacco and loose pleasure away, and has instead filled me with a craving to be more like Jesus, whose I am. Oh it is glorious to know that we have Jesus with us here as well as on shore, that we have the Holy Spirit to lead us on and to guide us into all truth. If I ever do hit New York again, as soon as I get ashore I shall make a straight dive for the Catharine Mission, where I have left the big half of my heart. The second mate wishes to be remembered kindly to you all. I hope he will be led this next passage to give his heart to Jesus. He is very grateful for all your kindness to him. Please pray that I may be completely emptied of self, that I may be a vessel meet for the Master's service and that everything I do, or think, or say, may be for my Master's glory and the advancement of His kingdom aboard this ship."

The second officer of a ship writes:

"I intend to get M., R. and M. in my watch this passage, if I possibly can, so that we can talk things over sometimes at night in fine weather. We leave here to-morrow morning if the wind is fair, and I only hope it is, as I cannot bear to be laying so close to New York and cannot get on shore and see my friends. I am only too proud to be called one of your boys. Sometimes, perhaps in years to come, I may walk into the Catharine Mission, but I would not mind if it were to-night, and I tell you I feel kind of miserable leaving New York and you and all your friends that have been so kind to us."

The second officer of a vessel writes:

"I promised to tell you before I left whether I was going to be a downright

Christian. Miss DELANY was talking over to me again on Thursday night and I promised her I would try, and mean to keep my word and try to be a better boy in future. I could not say away without thanking you and your sister for your kindness to us and the pleasant evenings we have spent with you."

The grandson of a Canon in an English Cathedral writes:

"I want to thank you all for having given me such a very happy time since we have been in South Street. God send you into my life just at the time when I most needed some one to guide me. I have been watching those three sailors who came aboard to-day half intoxicated and cursing about the deck ever since they came aboard. I guess I will draw myself before I will get like them. I really hope that we come back to New York instead of going home. I feel very down hearted this evening. I can never thank Miss DELANY, Mr. McLELLAN and yourself enough for having led me into the true path of life."

An apprentice writes:

"I was very pleased with the book, and the bag, and shall keep them with one or two other things as precious mementoes of the kindness and the blessings I received from both yourself and the doctor. I read part of 'Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush' and enjoyed the lad of many parts. He was a noble character; do you remember how he brought CHALMERS to the light by the words 'Because I have a mother'? Oh, Miss DELANY, I have a mother too, and I know it will be the happiest day of her life when she hears of my conversion. It is her birthday to-day, and I gave the letter in which I told her all to W. to post on the 2nd of January, 1897, when he arrived in England. I pray God to give Mr. KINNEY a special blessing for speaking to me on Sunday evening, December 19, 1897. It is a red letter day in my life. Do you know what I thought of New Year's eve? I saw the rain come down and heard the wind; and then the snow came and I thought that God had sent the rain to wash away my wickedness and then the wind to blow away the sin and afterwards the snow to make everything pure and white, and thought that's what He did for me. He will do it for every one, rich or poor, with second or third class tickets, as Mr. KINNEY puts it."

An apprentice boy writes:

"It gives me great pleasure to write

lines to thank you for the happiness have given me since I first saw you December 1. A great change has come over me since that day; before I have been on the downward path of youth in spite of all my parents' advice. I met an old school chum in New York; I had not seen him for five years before that, so he showed me around the city, seeing me in good and bad places, but mostly the better. Though not being a hard drinker himself he wanted me to start, but no; I refused to drink at all, so he got angry and got me into trouble at home. So I came to the mission and you received me and God receives all sinners, and rejoiced."

A sailor writes from Germany:

The peace of God that passeth understanding be with you now and forever. Amen. I have received your letter dear sister, and I thank you very much for your kindness to me. I have read the chapters you told me of and they have been a blessing to me. There is too much gambling now in this Christian time; all will make money; money for their God. The other day one merchant said to me that I must gamble on one of his goods; but I told him it was wrong. He could not see it was sin, but in this message came to my mind. Hebrews viii: 10. Oh how faithful Christ is to us and how near He is to us in time of trouble; He is precious to me this morning because He has saved me from a horrible pit, and when I look back I think how merciful He has been to me since He saved me in New York in the Catharine Mission now nearly three years ago, then I cannot praise Him enough for all He has done for one so unworthy as I. Soon He will come, and then we shall see Him as He is. What a glorious day that will be! Will you please read Ephesians ii: 12, 13, 14? I fancy it is so beautiful."

An apprentice boy writes:

"I have not words enough to thank you for your kindness to me in bringing me from a miserable, wretched, sinful life. My parents will be so happy to know I have turned a Christian."

THE NAVY YARD.

Mr. J. M. Wood writes on January 31: Since my conversion I have had a burning desire to visit my boyhood home in Iowa, and preach the gospel to my schoolmates and others. This opportunity was afforded me last month, and

for ten days I had the great privilege of standing before them and telling the old, old story of Jesus and His love. I found the old homestead in the hands of strangers; the corroding tooth of time had eaten away its very vitals, and it was fast tottering to decay. They told me it was to be razed to the ground in a few weeks. I went into the old sitting room, where on a lounge in the corner I kissed mother good night for the last time in this world one winter's night thirty years ago, then up the creaking stairs into her bed-room where she died. I pictured again the death scene. Father with bowed head at the bedside; myself and younger brother at the foot, and all of us crying like children; the physician counting the pulse beats; and then the heart-breaking message "It's all over." Oh, how it all came back to me standing there! And then into my little room, where, as a boy, night after night, at mother's knee, I knelt in evening prayer.

"And somehow with that little prayer,
And a dear voice ringing in my ears,
My thoughts went back to distant years,
And fingers with a dear one there.

And as I hear the child's Amen,
My mother's face comes back to me,
Couched at her side I seem to be,
And mother holds my hands again."

Every inch of the time-worn walls and floors were fraught with tender memories of the long ago, but I had not the heart to go further; down the stairs again where she was carried out, and there I resolved, God helping me, that some glad day I would take mother's arm again; when the white hair had turned to locks of burnished gold, and the wrinkles had been supplanted by the bloom and beauty of eternal youth, I would walk with her on the streets of the beautiful city in that blest land where "the lips never murmur farewell." I stood upon the sidewalk with my eyes wet with tears and glanced back lovingly at the old home, and bade it goodbye forever. The Master's promise was never sweeter: "In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." And as the old home faded out of my sight, I went singing through the snow:

"There's a city that looks o'er the valley of death,
And its glories can never be told;
There the sun never sets, and the leaves never fade,
In that beautiful city of gold."

I was indeed glad to get back to my work in the Navy Yard, for it is the dearest spot in all the world to me. Here I have seen scores of men-o'-war's men swept into the kingdom of God, and here, if God wills, I want to spend my latest breath in telling of the majesty, beauty, power and love of Jesus my Saviour. During my absence the services at Library Hall were conducted by the chaplains of the North Atlantic squadron, viz.: chaplains McALISTER of the *Brooklyn*, HOES of the *Iowa*, ROYCE of the *New York*, ISAACS of the *Massachusetts*, and JONES of the *Texas*, and I desire in these columns to tender each one of them my heartfelt thanks for their great kindness.

This month I have received ninety-one comfort bags from New York City, Litchfield and Wallingford, Conn., all of which have been judiciously distributed. During the year 1897 I have received just one thousand of these bags from all parts of the country and they are scattered on our ships of war on all the seas of earth, silent messengers for Christ. Nearly all of these bags contained a tender Christian letter in the same spirit as the following received from South Boston:

"My dear brother: I send you cordial greetings from the branch of the White Ribbon Army located here, who contribute these little articles for your use. I love the ocean very much and have sailed upon it in tempests and calms. My husband is a sea captain and my father was a sailor. I lived very close to a navy yard in my childhood and these things endear all the sailors to me, whether in the navy or in the great merchant marine. From my window I can see your beautiful white war ships in Boston harbor. What wonders they are! They are like our lives, calm and quiet in the still sunshine, apparently unmovable, but quickly tossed about when temptation and adversity overtake. Then will the ship show of what material she is made, if she withstands the gale. So will we show our character and stability if we overcome the billows of temptation which are all around us. May our Heavenly Father help each one of us on sea and land to serve Him faithfully."

Personal touch with the men is, I find, the only road to their hearts, and I have learned from experience that a kindly letter written in a Christian spirit is always gladly received by sailors, and is productive of good.

"I am greatly pleased to hear of your improving health, and I want to thank you for your kindness to me, particularly

for the new thoughts and new desires you inspired. It may please you to know that you have been a very potent factor in bringing me to a realization of my life and a desire to change. Remember me in your prayers."

"I have been sent to a splendid ship, the best in all the fleet perhaps, but wickedness here is something awful, and I have often been moved to tears while listening to the blasphemy all around me. I try to set an example and say what can for my Saviour, but it is hard living when I tell you I do not know of another professing Christian in the ship's company beside myself. I am not tempted to wander away from God in any way, but do so earnestly wish that more could be shown the way, and I pray very often this end."

"How glad I am that I was brought to see my great folly in disobeying God by refusing His offers of mercy and love. I am lost in wonder at the great changes between the old life and the new. On a beautiful Sabbath morning my heart was filled with love to my Saviour, and I felt Him more than ever before."

"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and His righteousness, and His precious blood cleanseth me from all unrighteousness. Surely God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. How many times I thank Him, yet He loves me still. Yes, He loves me with an everlasting love and I am grateful I am for His long suffering and loving-kindness to me the chief of sinners."

Wherever I go through the land I meet with Christian mothers who have sons in the navy, and they tell me what great benefit these services have been to their boys. I met one of these mothers on the *Iowa*, and at the close of the meeting in the evening she came to me with misty eyes and asked me to look after her boy, giving me his name and ship, and this I am only too glad to do, praying that he may be led to accept mother's God as God. In my western trip I met several converted railroad men; one of them, a fireman who attended the meeting at which I spoke, told me he was praying for me one night in the cab of the engine one hundred and twenty miles away from the hour when the services commenced. Another uniformed official at the depot as I left for New York, grasped me warmly by the hand and said "Good-bye, may God bless you and your work in the navy. I shall pray for you often." Under the invitation of chaplain JONES of the *Texas*, Mrs. Wood sung at a recent Sabbath at

ice on that ship, and the Rev. J. M. RAR, D.D., of Brooklyn, preached a spiritual sermon to a large and highly interested audience.

During the month I was invited to speak in the Roseville Avenue Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J., and God blessed our song and speech in the conversion of precious souls. We have been glad to return, which we shall do soon. We were very glad to welcome our dear friend, Captain DOLLAR, of the Sailors' Home, New York, at one of our meetings, of which he took charge, and his presence was blessed of God to the spiritual welfare of those who heard him. All the ships have left the Yard, and the recruiting rendezvous on the Receiving-ship *Mont* is closed, and but very few men are on the dock, and as a consequence our audiences are quite small, and will be for a few weeks to come. We have instituted series of Bible readings at the night services and the men are greatly pleased with it; persons who have never been present at our meetings attend regularly, and the Holy Spirit is working on the hearts of our little congregations as never before. In these readings I take a seat among the men, and with our Bibles in hand we read together the chapter selected and the men are encouraged to ask questions as the talk progresses. Mrs. DOLLAR presides at the organ and now and then sings a gospel hymn or verse applicable to the subject in hand, or testimonies adduced. At the close an invitation to come to Christ is always extended and many have turned from sin to righteousness.

Florida.

PENSACOLA.

Mr. HENRY C. CUSHMAN writes on January 1:

Our work among seamen during the past year has been constant, direct, and fruitful. Both seamen and citizens have been directed to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." Some have been thoughtless and indifferent, but have said with David "I will take heed to my ways." Intemperance is still the sailor's curse. The persons who sell the frothy slop called beer are insidious and will strand many a human bark. There is another thing we dislike to see, that is, a sailor turning tramp. The tramp is something like the genuine

tramp, always looking for a ship he does not want. We have received from Mr. E. F. MUNSTER, of Belfast, Ireland, several packages of tracts in many languages to help some eleven nationalities. Mr. P. P. WAHLSTAD, of Lorin, Cal., has sent us regularly a bundle of the *Gode Nyheder* (Good News), which is appreciated by our Scandinavian friends, and we have been gratified to receive applications for Spanish and Italian Testaments. Number of American ships in port since last statement, 5, British, 21, all others, 72; religious services in Bethel, 26, elsewhere, 13; average attendance of seamen at religious services, 14, of others, 9; religious visits to hospital, 26, on ships, 167, in boarding-houses, 46; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 77, religious papers, 627, tracts, 1,087; temperance pledges, 1.

Georgia.

SAVANNAH.

Mr. H. IVERSON writes on January 14:

Number of American ships in port since last statement, 174, all others, 137; religious services held, 38; average attendance of seamen, 46; visits made to vessels for religious purposes, 205, hospitals, 11; temperance meetings held, 11. A great deal of tracts, Testaments and other reading matter has been distributed to the vessels and in hospitals.

We have much to be thankful for the blessings that God has bestowed upon us in the past year. By His blessings we have been able to move into our new building; we moved in last November, though the building was far from completed. This was a great inconvenience to our work, though I was willing to put up with that to get away from the bar-room which was put up under our old stand. Our chapel was ready for Christmas, and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Port Society gave a very large festival, and the attendance was two hundred and twenty-five seamen. The Rev. Mr. JORDAN, of the First Presbyterian Church, conducted the service. We also had a few presents sent by Mrs. HABERSHAM CLAY, which were given to the seamen, and which added a great deal to the enjoyment of the men. I am in hopes that by next Christmas we will have enough presents to distribute among all the men, because all the ladies have promised to take that matter in hand. I also hope by the grace of God that the Port Society

will be able to do a great deal of good to the men of the sea in this new year in which we have just entered.

[The Rev. R. WEBB writes "the new building is a beautiful edifice, an ornament to the city, for which brother IVERSON and the Port Society deserve much credit." Ed.]

Oregon.

ASTORIA.

The Rev. JOHNSTON McCORMAC writes on January 3:

I am ashamed of my report for this quarter. The terrible storms which we have had this winter account for the matter to a great extent. These storms have been so severe as to drive five of our large ships upon the sands. During these storms it was almost impossible to go to ships in small boats. And besides this I have been laid up for nearly a whole month with a severe attack of the grip. I am well again, thank God, and yesterday I held service on board the *Drumburton*. We had a dozen sailors present in the forecabin, a congregation which for seriousness and devotion could hardly be surpassed, and God was with us. Our railroad is near completion, and would very likely have been finished by this time, but for the heavy rain storms and the consequent land slides which have considerably impeded track-laying.

Number of American ships in port since last statement, 10, all others, 50; religious services held on shipboard, 7, elsewhere, 2; average attendance of seamen at religious services, 12, of others, 7; religious visits on ships, 30, in boarding-houses, 16; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 1, tracts, 5,553, packages of reading matter to outgoing ships, 3.

Washington.

SEATTLE.

The Rev. THOS. REES writes on January 15:

Taking the work on the whole it is remarkable how many sailors get to our meetings, especially when we remember how far some of them have to come; often a mile or more; and one night this week

of a congregation of perhaps one hundred there were twelve seamen, three of whom gave their hearts to God, and two others rose and asked us to pray for them. We had a place and called it a Seamen's Bethel, as far as the work is concerned we should do about the same as we are doing. Rent and light have to be paid for, and this comes entirely from collections; the churches have not paid a dollar to the work this year, but the Deavor Societies meet with us once a week in turns, the pastors are all in sympathy with the work and often come down with their young people and pray for us. The local board is hard to get together, but consists of noble Christians, men, but tied down to their business. They are in sympathy with the work among seamen, and always treat me with the utmost cordiality.

Report for year ending December 1897: Number of visits to ships, 486; boarding-houses, 114, to hospitals, 57; Port Blakely, 17; services held in Bethel, 531, on board ship, 4, at Port Blakely, 17; sermons preached, 272; letters written, 144; tracts distributed, 1,022, packages, 3,815; ships visited, 176, at 15 to a crew of seamen would give of seamen, 2,600; rose for prayers, 193; professed conversions, 74; conversions among seamen, 4; backsliders reclaimed, 4.

PORT TOWNSEND.

Mr. C. L. TERRY writes on January 15:

Eleven since last report have professed a change of heart. As a rule all of the converts are seamen, but among this number were three farmers who attended the meetings during a session of court which they were witnesses in a murder trial. The murdered man's brother was among the converts.

We have had some blessed services on ships in the harbor. Last Lord's day while holding service on a British ship during the singing the old captain's tears running down his cheeks got up and went out. After service he said "I cannot stay; it brought back to me my home life." The old man then unburdened his heart and told of a sore trial that he came to his home recently, and asked to pray for him. Will the readers of the *Magazine* remember this case when before our Father in prayer.

I enclose some letters received by me from the dear boys of the sea which I will kindly return to me. The true spirit spoken of by our brother on the U. S.

gon were from a fine lot sent us by MUNSTER, in Belfast, Ireland.

Christmas evening was spent pleasantly. We had an entertainment with refreshments through the kindness of the surgeon of the U. S. Marine Hospital. The men there were allowed to attend and were in the merriment with their more fortunate mates. The decorations were the best in the city. The seamen themselves took this in hand and it was done ship-shape." New Year's night a delegation from the Bethel attended watch-night service at the M. E. Church and, the bells were ringing out the old and the new, five of our seamen knelt with others at the altar and asked that the old might be blotted out and the new come and we took up the refrain "Ring bells of heaven, there is joy to-day." "I thank God for the mission in Portland and the talk and prayers I had through yourself and wife, for it set me to thinking how foolish I was to continue in sin when God was so wonderfully good. I miss His name He made me cry 'God be merciful to me and heal my backslidings.' I heard my prayer and set me on the rock, Christ Jesus."

"We had a south-west gale and for about four days we never expected to see land again. The seas were running mountain high. We lost all the sails we had except two, and in the middle of it all we lost the mate, who dropped dead on the deck. I can tell you we would not have lasted much longer if the gale had not moderated; but, thank God, I had Him to look to. I can tell you it is grand to always be ready. COLLINS is getting on well; he is happy in the Lord and is a great help to me."

"I too am very thankful to our blessed Heavenly Father for His love and kindness in taking me back into His fold, and in proving Jesus to be a satisfying Saviour day by day. I am glad to hear of your good meetings at the Bethel, etc. May God bless the 'Chinese boy.' God is no respecter of persons; He saves all who will come unto Him by Christ Jesus. Thank you for sending up the letter from me. I was very glad to get it also. Miss ABLE is quite well and sends her regards to you. She is at present in the Douglas Mission. The other missionaries are well and doing good work for the Master. I would like very much to see you all. I suppose I would hardly know the children, as they grow so fast. I hope to see you all some time. I am at present working in a saw mill."

"The tracts which you sent were very welcome. You have been really very thoughtful in selecting them, for we have all nationalities on board and the boys always like to read something in their native language. You did not even forget to put some Chinese leaflets in the collection. We have some nice Chinese boys on board and I am a good friend of theirs. When I received your letter I planned for a meeting next Sunday night, but last night I heard that we are going away to Bremerton this morning and I am so sorry to leave here without seeing you and Mrs. TERRY. It was not possible for me to come over for there was no liberty for any one in this port except the mail orderly. We may take later a spin around in the Sound again and I may have a chance to get on liberty here, for we don't expect to go into the dock before the latter part of January, and we may not lay at Bremerton all the time."

"We have now a chaplain on board. His name is Mr. McINTYRE. He is a very nice man, and has Sunday church services on board. They are well attended. We are still having our Christian Endeavor meetings among ourselves twice a week. We received a draft of men in San Francisco from the *Thetis*' old crew and among them were some true Christian boys. We have now eight names on our membership list, and are all true to our Saviour. Sometimes we cannot have our meetings on the gun-deck on Sunday night, because the brass band, which we now have on board, wants to play in the evenings and so we are compelled to go down in our old place on the orlop deck, where the music will not interfere with our talking. Glory to God! that we have better music in our souls than all the brass bands put together could make, and the amusements of this world have no attraction for me any more. I am sorry to hear that Mrs. TERRY has been sick, but thank God that she is better now and will be able to take part again in the meetings, for they must be very dry without her taking part in them. She is so kind and all the boys who have attended the meetings speak so well of her. I send her this book-mark as a little souvenir."

"Although I went pretty well down in sin yet the Spirit of God kept with me, and I feel that I can never repay Him for His goodness to me. I am going to sea happy and well saved. I came out from all my companions and asked Jesus for forgiveness two weeks ago in the Salvation Army meeting."

The Planets for March, 1898.

MERCURY will not be well visible.

VENUS will not be visible.

MARS will not be well visible.

JUPITER will be a conspicuous object the entire night; in opposition to the Sun March 25.

SATURN will rise after midnight, and will be visible in the south-east and south the rest of the night.

Princeton.

T. R.

Sailors' Home, New York.

190 CHERRY STREET.

Reported by F. Alexander, Lessee, for the month of

JANUARY, 1898.

Total arrivals..... 83

Receipts for January, 1898.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Keene, Mrs. H. B. Eastman..... \$ 1 00
Portsmouth, Portsmouth Seamen's
Friend Society, received per E. P.
Kimball, trustee..... 50 00

VERMONT.

Bennington, Second Congregational
Church..... 3 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Dalton, Mary E. Crane..... 100 00
Oxford, Congregational Church..... 9 23
Randolph, Miss S. B. Alden..... 20 00
Southampton, Congregational Church
Sunday School, of which \$20 for
library..... 21 89
Uxbridge, balance of bequest of
Sarah B. Ellis, late of Uxbridge,
per W. W. Thayer, administrator. 140 26

RHODE ISLAND.

Pawtucket, Pawtucket Congregation-
al Church..... 86 92
Providence, Union Congregational
Sunday School..... 24 30
Pilgrim Congregational Church.... 1 00

CONNECTICUT.

Bethel, First Congregational Church. 12 50
Danbury, First Congregational Ch.,
to constitute Charles H. Taylor
and Thomas McCorkle, Life Mem-
bers..... 60 35
Enfield, First Congregational Church. 3 70
Greenwich, for a library "in memory
of Luther Prescott Hubbard, by
his grandsons, Carleton W. and
Drexel T. Hubbard"..... 20 00
Groton, Congregational Church Sun-
day School, for library..... 20 00

From a friend..... 10 00
Hartford, Pearl Street Congregation-
al Sunday School, for library... 2 25
Warburton Chapel Sunday School
of First Church..... 4 00
Lebanon, Mrs. D. S. Woodworth..... 2 00
Lyme, First Congregational Church,
Rev. E. F. Burr, D.D..... 10 00
Milford, First Congregational Church. 25 00
Norwich, First Congregational Ch. . 1 00
Greenville Congregational Church. 5 00
Southington, Mrs. E. L. Robbins... 2 00
South Britain, Congregational Ch... 2 00
Southport, Congregational Sunday
School..... 20 00
Thomaston, First Congregational Ch. 5 00
Westport, Saugatuck Congregation-
al Church..... 10 00
Wilton, Congregational Church..... 2 00

NEW YORK.

Brooklyn, Mrs. Emily P. Ritchie, for
library..... 20 00
J. R..... 1 00
New Rochelle, First Presbyterian
Church Sunday School, for libra-
ry..... 20 00
New York City, Elbridge T. Gerry... 10 00
Morris K. Jessup..... 5 00
C. S..... 25 00
Collections on board the steamers
of the International Navigation
Co.'s lines, received per H. G.
Phillips, cashier..... 2 00
Received per Oelrichs & Co. one-
half the proceeds of a collection
taken on board North German
Lloyd steamer *Werra*, December
16, 1897, from Genoa for New
York, donated to the purposes of
the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND
SOCIETY..... 10 00
Miss Rachel L. Kennedy..... 2 00
Mrs. D. C. Blair..... 2 00
George F. Betts..... 1 00
The Pilots' Society of New York.. 10 00
Rochester, Mount Hor Church, for
the Kenneth Weed Library.... 2 00
Tarrytown, Mrs. H. F. Lombard.... 2 00
Troy, Rev. Arthur H. Allen..... 2 00

NEW JERSEY.

Blairstown, W. H. Vail, for library... 2 00
Mrs. C. E. Vail for library..... 2 00
Englewood, Englewood Presbyterian
Church..... 12 00
Jersey City Heights, Mrs. Henry O.
Ames..... 9 00
Madison, First Presbyterian Church. 1 00
Newark, Second Presbyterian Ch... 10 00
F. S. Douglas..... 1 00
Newfield, "From a niece of Daniel
Webster"..... 1 00
Stewartsville, Henry F. Hulshizer... 8 00

DELAWARE.

New Castle, Hetty Smith, for a libra-
in memory of Ellen Logan Smith,
"She being dead, yet speaketh", 20 00

GEORGIA.

Augusta, Mrs. Gamaliel G. Smith.... 20 00

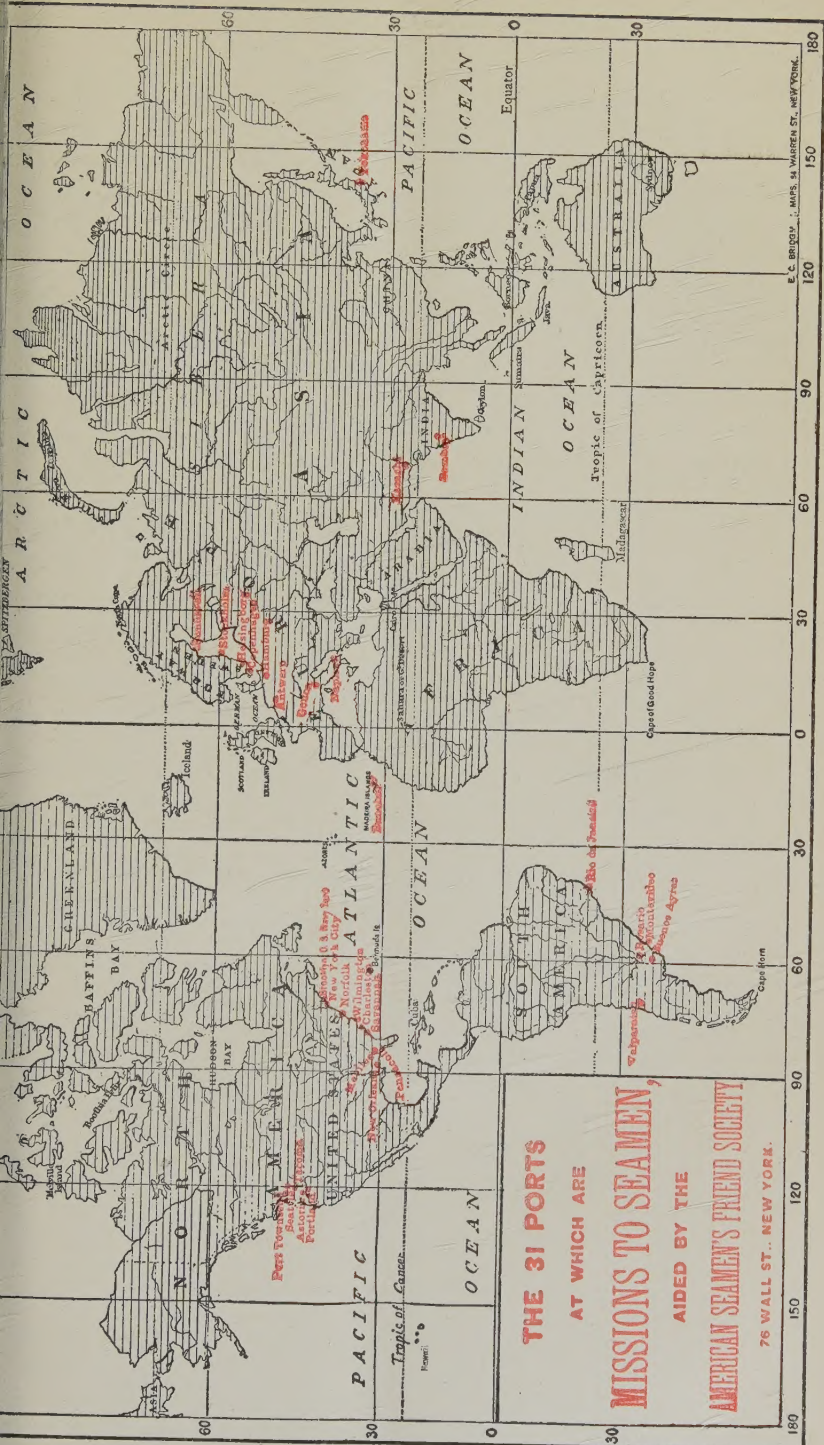
MINNESOTA.

Northfield, Mary Stegner..... 8 00

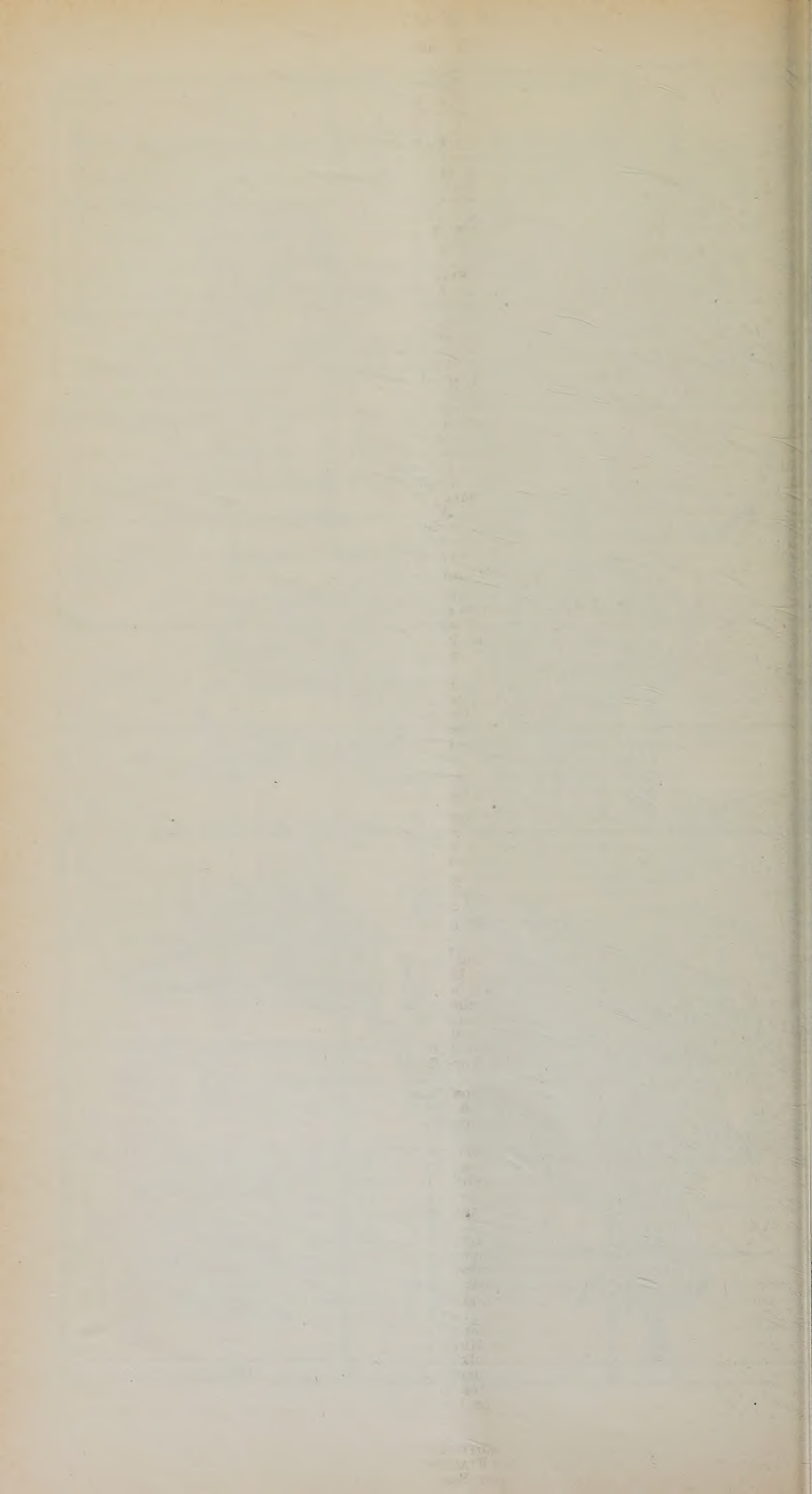
NEW MEXICO.

Socorro, Rev. M. Matthieson..... 5 00

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Sundsvall.....	Rev. E. Eriksson.
Gottenborg.....	Christian Nielsen.
MARK, Copenhagen.....	Rev. A. Wollesen.
MANY, Hamburg.....	British & American Sailors' Inst., H. M. Sharpe.
GIUM, Antwerp.....	Antwerp Seamen's Friend Society, Rev. J. Adams.
LY, Genoa.....	Genoa Harbor Mission, Rev. Donald Miller.
Naples.....	Naples Harbor Mission, Rev. T. Johnstone Irving.
IA, Bombay.....	Seamen's Rest, F. Wood, Superintendent.
Karachi.....	W. H. Dowling.
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Kobe.....	J. M. Harmon.
Nagasaki.....	
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ENTINE REPUBLIC, Buenos Ayres.....	Buenos Ayres Sailors' Home and Mission.
Rosario.....	Rosario Sailors' Home & Mission, F. Ericsson.
DEIRA, Funchal.....	Mission to Sailors & Sailors' Rest, Wm. Geo. Smart.
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ALABAMA, Mobile.....	Mobile Port Society, Rev. R. A. Mickle.
LOUISIANA, New Orleans.....	New Orleans Port Society, Rev. R. E. Steele.
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Seattle.....	Seattle Seamen's Friend Society, Rev. Thos. Rees.
Port Townsend.....	Pt. Townsend Sea, Friend Society, C. L. Terry.

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Location.	Established by	Keepers.
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OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II, (of the Constitution).—"The object of this Society shall be to improve social and moral condition of seamen, by uniting the efforts of the wise and good in behalf; by promoting in every port Boarding Houses of good character, Savings' Bank Register offices, Libraries, Museums, Reading Rooms, and Schools; and also the ministrations of the Gospel, and other religious blessings."

CHAPLAINS.—In addition to its chaplaincies in the United States, the Society has stations in JAPAN, CHILE, S. A., the MADEIRA ISLANDS, ICELAND, SWEDEN, NORWAY, DENMARK, GERMANY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM, FRANCE, ITALY, and INDIA. A list of the chaplains, who are always ready to befriend the sailor, is given on the preceding page.

LOAN LIBRARIES.—An important part of the Society's work, and one greatly blessed by God to the good of seamen, is that of placing on board ships going to sea, libraries composed of carefully selected, instructive, and entertaining books, put up in cases containing between thirty-five and forty volumes each, for the use of ships' officers and crews. The donor of each library is informed when and where it goes, and to whom it is entrusted; whatever of interest is heard from it is communicated as far as possible. The whole number of new libraries sent out by the Society up to April 1, 1897, was 10,379. Calculating the reshipments, their 553,655 volumes have been accessible to more than 395,037 men. Hundreds of hopeful conversions at sea have been reported as traceable to this instrumentality. A large proportion of these libraries have been provided by special contributions from Sabbath-Schools. Twenty dollars furnishes a library.

THE SAILORS' HOME, No. 190 Cherry Street, New York, is the property of this Society and is leased under careful, judicious restrictions. It is unsurpassed in comfort by any Sailors' Home in the world; its moral and religious influences cannot be fully estimated, but many seamen have there been led to Christ. Destitute, shipwrecked seamen are provided for at the HOME. A missionary of the Society resides in the HOME, and religious and temperance meetings are held daily. The Lessee receives and cares for the savings of sailor guests and a large amount has thus been saved to seamen and their families.

A list of the Society's periodicals will be found on the second page of the cover of the MAGAZINE.